

Hailsham commissions £375,000 studies to speed up civil justice

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor has commissioned three teams of management consultants at a cost of £375,000 to look at how litigation in the fields of debt, commerce and housing can be reformed and made cheaper and quicker for the consumer.

The three studies are part of the full-scale review of civil justice announced by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone in February 1985 to reduce delays, costs and complexity in the civil courts. It is expected to be complete by the end of 1987.

Management consultants are already examining two other main areas of business as part of the review: personal injuries, on which a consultation paper has been issued, and small claims.

The debt study, to be carried out by Touche Ross management consultants, will look at the procedure for recovering debts in the High Court and county court.

Debt claims comprise by far the biggest component of the work of the civil court, accounting for "a substantial proportion of their resources", the Lord Chancellor's Department says in briefing papers published today.

There is also considerable

long-standing complaint about the efficiency of the enforcement system. Creditors and solicitors complain about the county court bailiff service, saying that bailiffs are not vigorous enough in pursuing debts and recovering them.

There are also complaints about the difficulty of obtaining information from the county courts about the progress of warrants of execution, or reasons why money has not been obtained.

One further complaint is that the enforcement system as a whole is heavy handed and inept, and that it tends to proceed without adequate knowledge of a debtor's means and circumstances.

The study of housing litigation, to be carried out by Bristol University's school of advanced urban studies, will look at applications to the county courts for possession, the work of rent assessment committees and why litigants do not always pursue them through the courts.

The Lord Chancellor's Department says that at present, complexity in procedures in the courts and tribunals may "slow down business, increase costs and frighten away those

whose claims ought to be coming forward for hearing".

The main housing litigation is: applications for possession of residential premises, landlords against tenants and mortgagees against borrowers, who are in arrears over rent or payments.

The county courts handle 127,000 such applications a year and the High Court 4,000.

The commercial study will be done by Coopers and Lybrand Associates who will look at the heavily overloaded commercial court in London.

Delay is a big concern: current cases expected to last four weeks or more are not getting hearing dates before 1988. Costs are also of concern.

The number of cases before the court has grown rapidly. Although the court hears complex cases, the department believes there is "certainly room to simplify proceedings and thus to have an impact on delay and cost".

All these studies will lead to consultation papers. In addition general proposals for reform of court procedure and structure will be drawn from all five studies and put into a consultation paper to be issued next January.

Mycock case leads to police changes

By Peter Davenport

Senior police officers have carried out a review of procedures for the identification of suspects in criminal cases after a complaint from lawyers acting for Mr Anthony Mycock, the man freed from jail after his case was highlighted by the BBC's *Rough Justice* programme.

Officers in the Greater Manchester police force, where Mr Mycock lives, have since been instructed that existing guidelines must be "strictly complied with".

Mr Mycock's solicitor, Mr Robert Lizar, said yesterday: "I am pleased with the response from the police and we feel we have achieved something positive."

"It does not alter the fact that Mr Mycock served time in prison for a crime he did not commit, but we hope it will help to prevent the same thing ever happening to anyone else."

Mr Lizar believes that if the guidelines had been followed in the case his client would never have been convicted.

Mr Mycock was freed by the Court of Appeal in December last year after serving half of a five-year sentence for robbery.

Mr Mycock, who is unemployed, is seeking compensation from the Home Office for the time he spent in prison.



One of the 300 pupils aged between 13 and 17, from four Northamptonshire comprehensive schools, who performed Smetana's opera, *The Battered Bride*, in the piazza at Covent Garden yesterday (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Professor accuses senior scientists over research cash

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Professor R J P Williams, a leading British scientist, has condemned the way millions of pounds of government money is distributed for research.

He says: "It is senior British scientists at the highest levels in the University Grants Committee, the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, the Science and Engineering Research Council, the Medical Research Council and the Royal Society who have switched their styles."

Professor Williams, FRS and an eminent chemist, who is Napier Royal Society research professor and a fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, says that "ability has been substituted by self-interest".

"His attack, which is unparalleled, comes in an article entitled *The Corridors of Cash* in the journal of the Royal Society of Chemistry."

He asks: "When one senior scientist receives over £300,000 and another, nearly £1 million, without proper peer review, what can the younger scientific community but deduce? Even if it is not corrupt, it certainly looks corrupt."

Professor Williams is anxious about the low morale in science departments because of the poor regard for civil research that the Government has shown.

He says: "The fact that the UK spends far more money on defence than on civil research, or medical, social, and educational activities compared with other European countries, is a cause for anxiety for many scientists."

But he adds: "Recently, we have witnessed a new and sadly divisive consequence, which many scientists find even harder to understand and also find deeply distressing: I refer to the way in which money for science research has been distributed."

"Committees of elder men, chosen from other committees, and given information on half a sheet of paper (per £500,000), with committee advice not open to peer review, cannot provide sound judgement."

"I should like to know who invented this ridiculous game that can only be won by those establishments - figures who have committee pull."

"I do not believe that this is a government plan. It is the work of some scientists."

Prince to present enterprise awards

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Prince of Wales is to present awards and commendations to winners of *The Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Scheme 1985-86* at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London on June 13.

The Prince, who is patron of the scheme, has also expressed an interest in visiting some of the projects later in the year.

Nearly 200 projects were submitted after the launch of the scheme last September. They include self-help and self-build housing, community facilities, environmental improvements, including urban farms and adventure playgrounds, and small business workshops with potential for job creation.

Mr Rod Hackney, chairman of the assessors and a community architect, said yesterday: "The response has been tremendous, highlighting the extent of community enterprise

that is thriving throughout the country."

Awards and commendations will be presented for the most "imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling" projects. The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is providing grants for the best entries, which will also receive certificates and plaques.

The scheme is annual in that entries are being assessed during the development and building phases and not judged solely on the end result.

The eight assessors have visited most of the 33 short-listed entries, including housing co-operatives in Glasgow and Liverpool, an urban farm in Cardiff and the barnyard project at Bodjales School, Hampshire.

The visits, which include Northern Ireland, will be completed by the end of the month.

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Coal board cuts price for CEGB

Prices of some coal sold to the Central Electricity Generating Board have been reduced by the National Coal Board to stay competitive with the reduced cost of oil (Our Industrial Editor writes).

The coal board is having talks with the CEGB on possible variations for supplies made after the end of February. The coal board maintains that any adjustments, which apply only to some coal supplies, will be only marginal and should raise no difficulties with its external financing limits.

But the Cabinet, which last week discussed the electricity supply industry's prospects of passing savings to the consumer, appears to have accepted that the coal board should be allowed to run up losses to remain competitive.

If coal prices were seriously out of line with international energy costs the CEGB might well adjust its long-term strategy on the mix of fuels used to the detriment of coal.

Half-price homes in mix-up

Tenants on a new Liverpool council housing estate have discovered that they are entitled to buy their semi-detached homes for half what they cost to build, because of a mix-up by the ruling Labour group.

The £4.8 million Joliffe Street estate in Toxteth was under construction as homes for sale when Labour came to power in 1983. Labour converted them into homes for rent.

But vital approval was not obtained from the Department of the Environment. It means householders can buy a three-bedroom semi by claiming a 50 per cent discount.

There are 207 and opposition councillors reckon the loophole could cost ratepayers more than £2 million.

A spokesman for Liverpool City Council said: "The loss to the council will depend on how many tenants choose to buy their house. Market values have dropped on the estate so the houses aren't worth the price for which they were initially built."

Mountain rescue team denies being ghoulish

By Ronald Farr

A Scottish mountain rescue team has been criticized for being over-zealous and "lurking below the crag awaiting employment".

Mr Robin Campbell, president of the Mountaineering Council for Scotland, complained in the latest issue of *Climber and Rambler* magazine that the Cairngorm mountain rescue team had been taking its snow vehicles into the Corrie an Sneachda on Cairngorm this winter without obvious cause. "This behaviour detracted greatly from the ambience of the corrie and amounted to over-zealous rescue provision," he said.

There had been complaints to the council, Mr Campbell said, and readers were invited to report any unwelcome attention from rescue personnel.

But Mr John Allen, deputy leader of the rescue team, said the attack was unjust and totally without foundation. "We think we do a fairly good job and do it well and quietly. We are all mountaineers and the rescue team is a secondary pursuit," he said. Even so, the team had taken part in 15 big rescues in the Cairngorms this year.

They did have a small tracked vehicle which cut the time taken to transport injured climbers or bodies from the hills. It was used on only two or three training exercises a year. The team kept a low profile, he said, and the implications that they were ghouls waiting for bodies to drop off the crags was scurrilous.

Other mountain rescue specialists in Scotland respected the Cairngorm team. One Scottish climber and rescuer said that in bad winter weather when the Cairngorms could quickly become dangerous, a well-organized rescue team was essential. "If a team is to work smoothly and efficiently it has to practise. That is surely obvious," he said.

Mr Hamish MacInnes, of Glencoe, a mountaineer and rescue specialist with more than 25 years experience, said he thought that some few individuals were perhaps more interested in rescuing people than in climbing mountains, but asked if that was a bad thing. "They are genuinely interested in helping people and although that may seem a bit alien to some climbers I believe their motives are good."

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Academy joins campaign to reform law on artists' rights

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Arts Council and the Royal Academy have joined forces in an unprecedented campaign to bring a change of heart by the Government on reform of the law on copyright.

The campaign, on behalf of an estimated 30,000 artists in Britain, coincides with the publication this week of the White Paper on copyright law. It is being launched amid widespread speculation that the Government will fail, in the White Paper, to reform the controversial section 4(2) of the Copyright Act 1956, which deprives artists of the copyright of works carried out on commission.

The section says that a person who commissions a photograph, painting or drawing of a portrait or an engraving and pays for it, owns not only the work but also the copyright.

The academy and council have taken up the issue because, they say, there is no other body or union to represent artists' interests. They want to bring the law into line with that in the rest of Europe, and with the Berne Convention, so that artists would automatically retain the copy-

right of commissioned works, unless they entered a contract to assign it to the person paying for the work.

Mr Rory Coonan, art director of the council, said: "This will improve the bargaining power of artists vis-a-vis the commissioners." The reform was particularly important because of the rapid growth in art patronage, encouraged by Arts Council schemes in which the council paid up to half the cost of a commission, although it had no ownership of the work.

The Government is expected to resist the reform on the ground that it would overturn a fundamental principle of English law, that a person who buys a chattel buys all the rights in it.

The White Paper will be the first significant overhaul of copyright law for years and will extend the definition of intellectual property to products of new technology.

The arts organizations are concerned also that the Government sees the opportunity to improve and expand the definition of works of art, which under the copyright Act is "works of artistic craftsmanship".

Government proposes levy on blank tapes

The steps to be taken to beat tape piracy and illicit copying of video tape, audio tape and computer programs, will be among measures in the White Paper on copyright (Bill Johnstone writes).

Some are expected to be controversial, such as a levy on blank audio tape.

Many groups with vested interests have been trying in recent months to influence the Government's policy on copyright.

The computer industry has its own campaign called Federation Against Software Theft (Fast), which it maintains costs the industry £150 million a year.

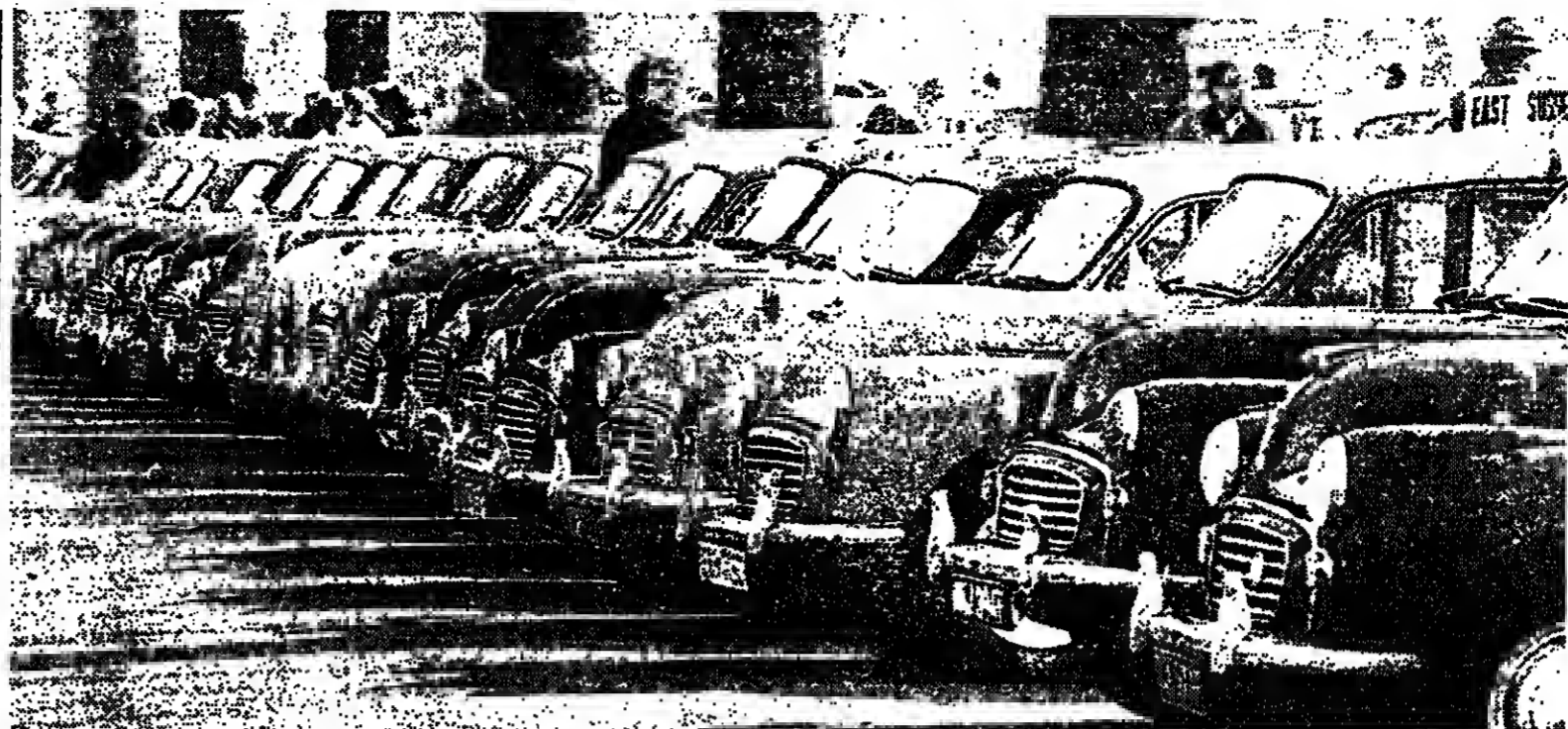
The music industry has been lobbying to place a levy

on blank audio and video tape, maintaining that millions of pounds is lost each year through illicit copying.

The Government received more than a 1,000 responses to its Green Paper on copyright last year, almost all opposed to a levy. It appears likely that a levy will not be imposed on blank video tape but there will be a 10 per cent surcharge on audio tapes.

The Consumers' Association has opposed the levies, as have the manufacturers of tape, who are preparing to take legal action against any government in Europe which imposes a levy.

The White Paper is expected to be used as a framework by the EEC.



More than 300 Morris Minors lining up in Battersea Park for the start of the fourth annual London to Brighton Fun Run organized by the West Sussex Morris Minor Owners Club yesterday

'Seveso' battle cry down at the Welsh farm

By Tim Jones

The animals are dying again on Bullsnoor Farm and Mr Colin Haines claims financial ruin is staring him in the face. After more than 40 years of farming the rich Usk Valley in South Wales, his flock and herd have been decimated and the 100-acre farm is grossly under-utilized.

Mr Haines is one of the protagonists in a saga which has led to accusations that the inefficient burning of poisonous wastes has caused severe abnormalities in children and horrible deaths for animals.

The controversy has led to threats of High Court action. One Scottish farmer is awaiting a legal aid claim which he hopes will enable him to initiate a £2 million damages suit.

Parents of deformed chil-

dren and farmers whose animals have suffered claim their troubles arise from an incinerator plant at Pontypool and a similar facility, now closed, at Bonybridge, Scotland, operated by Re-Chem International.

The accusations are denied by the company, which can produce independent evidence from six public bodies stating that the plant is safe.

However, the well-organized protest body claims to have obtained opinions from its own from internationally respected experts who allege that procedures at the plant may be inadequate.

Although the company has embarked on a sophisticated public relations exercise and implemented a programme of site visits, the protests are unabated. More than 18,000 local people have signed a

petition calling for the closure of the Pontypool plant pending a public inquiry. The local Torfaen Borough Council is taking legal action on behalf of four people.

If the issue ever reaches the courts the protesters and individuals affected will try to prove that the incomplete burning of waste, in particular polychlorinated biphenyl, causes the formation of dangerous substances, including dioxines, which are among the most lethal chemicals.

The company, in turn, can produce counter evidence from the Industrial Air Pollution Inspectorate, the UK Atomic Energy Authority, the state veterinary service, the Welsh Water Authority and the Gwent Health Authority. The battle remained undi-

minished at the weekend when a group of protesters demonstrated outside the Dutch Embassy in London, calling for a suspension on the export of waste chemicals to Pontypool.

Their petition said: "We feel hopeful that the Dutch government and the Dutch public will find it morally indefensible to continue to export their problems to another part of the world where the old and inefficient Re-Chem incinerator is causing acute anxiety to many thousands of local people."

However, at a company press conference last week, Professor Christoffer Rappe, of the University of Umea, Sweden, said: "There is now an accumulation of scientific evidence that proves that Re-Chem's operations do not pollute the environment."

That is small consolation to Mr Haines and his colleagues. He said: "What I resent most of all is the accusation by the company, which they published, that my problems were due to bad farming methods."

Before Re-Chem moved into the area my farm was flourishing and I almost owned it. "But once the plant arrived, my animals started dying."

He added: "We are convinced that wind-borne particles are dropped on our land, which is natural catchment area. In spite of the denials many experts have no doubt that our animals are suffering from chemical poisoning. We visited Seveso in Italy after their disaster and scientists who saw photographs of our cattle had no hesitation in identifying the problem."

New hope for depression sufferers

A number of new substances are being tested as possible anti-depressant drugs that eliminate side-effects and act more quickly than existing ones (Our Science Editor writes).

Promising results with one of these preparations used in medical trials in the UK and other European countries are reported in the latest issue of *Chemistry in Britain*.

The active ingredient, called idazoxan, is more specific in

the way it behaves in the body, according to Dr Christopher Chapple, head of medicinal chemistry in the research laboratories of Reckitt and Colman.

The new medicine still relies on the belief in the catecholamine theory of depression, providing a biochemical explanation for the condition although to practice the causes of depression are not known.

The biochemical view pro-

poses that depression results from a shortage in the brain of one of the nervous systems chemical messengers, nor-adrenaline, which is a catecholamine.

The amount of the nor-adrenaline is regulated by a number of different mechanisms, and the current generation of drugs works by trying to modify more than one of the processes that lead to breakdown of the biochemical, resulting in side effects.

Editors given advice on race and colour

The Press Council's view on publishing someone's race or colour serves the interest of better community relations and should be respected, Mr Kenneth Morgan, the council's director, said.

He told a conference of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors at Wishaw, near Birmingham, that colour or race should only be included if it was relevant.

"Where the story is that police are searching for someone, or where colour was the cause of a crime or where an article is discussing racial issues, there is clear relevance," Mr Morgan said.

"But where someone is simply accused or convicted of a general crime, to introduce the fact that he is black is likely to be both irrelevant and prejudicial."

Sunshine warning on skin cancers

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Skin cancer caused by sunbathing is a rapidly growing problem in Britain and the public should be alerted to the potential hazards before it gets worse, a leading specialist has said.

The condition is a preventable disease which is increasing "in a frightening degree" in the United States, Australia and South Africa, with British cases soaring because of increased travel abroad and more outdoor activities. Professor Ronald Marks has reported in a medical journal.

"As the sun-worship cult gains strength, outdoor activities increase in popularity, and holidays in the Mediterranean sun become ever cheaper, it is important to know how to reduce the risk of sun-induced skin cancer," Professor Marks, of the University of Wales College of Medicine, says.

A worrying aspect is that tests on sun-screen products have suggested that although sunbathers who apply such oils or creams to their bodies do not burn, they none the less sustain "significant injury" to the skin.

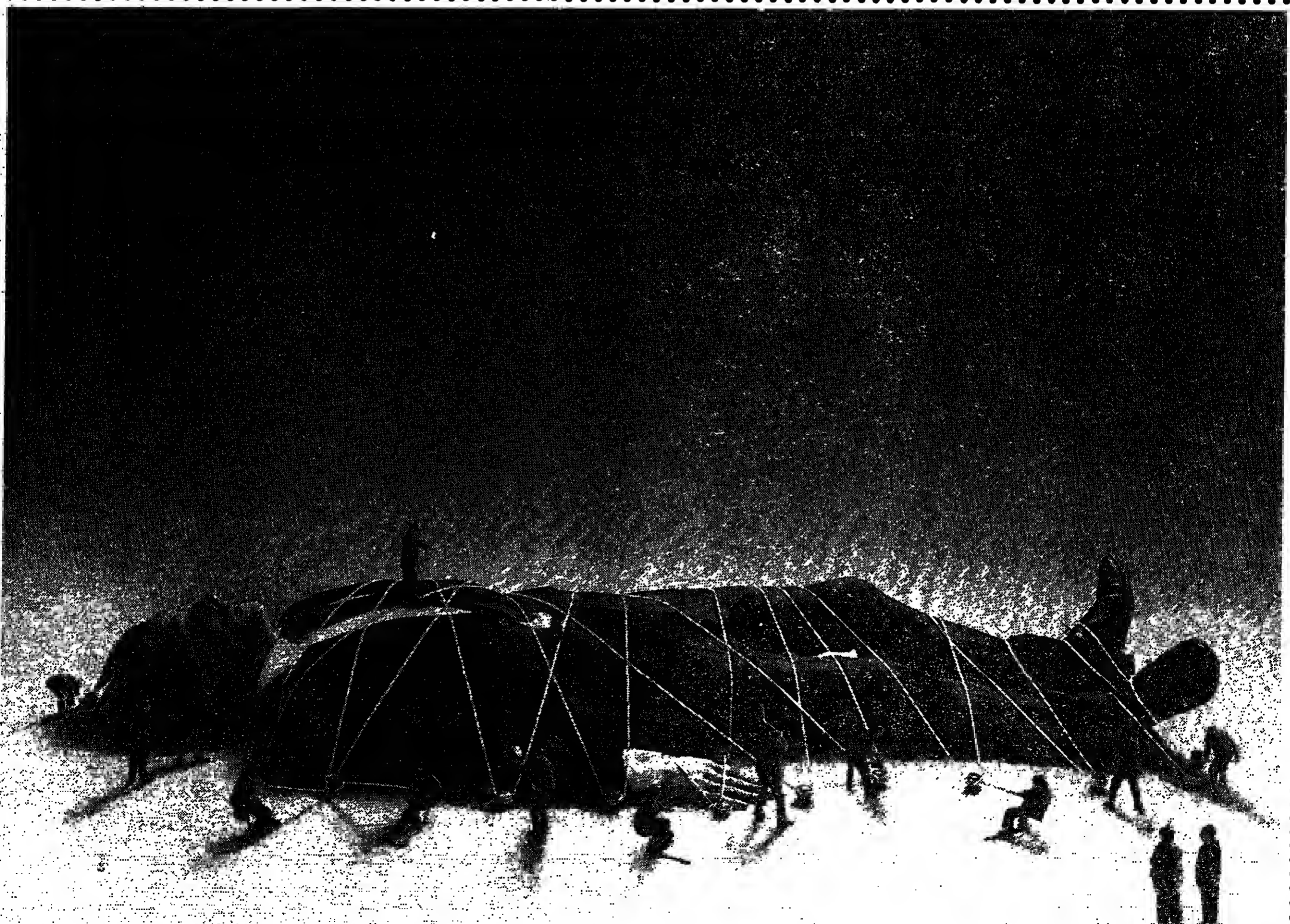
"This is a cause for concern. It suggests that damaging radiation may still reach skin protected from burning," the dermatology professor says in this month's issue of the *Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London*.

Half a million new cases of non-melanoma skin cancer were expected to be reported in America last year, and 1,000 cases a week were being reported in the state of Victoria in Australia.

At Professor Marks' clinic in Cardiff, there were almost 400 cases, equal to 8.5 per cent of all new patients, in 1984.

"In countries such as the US, Australia and South Africa, skin cancer is now a major public health problem," Professor Marks says. Although the damage caused by chronic sun exposure is seldom fatal, considerable illness results.

"Campaigns have been mounted in those countries to make the public more aware of the danger of sunbathing. Our problem in the UK is smaller but rapidly growing in size because of the increased opportunities for travel, and the growing emphasis on outdoor activities."



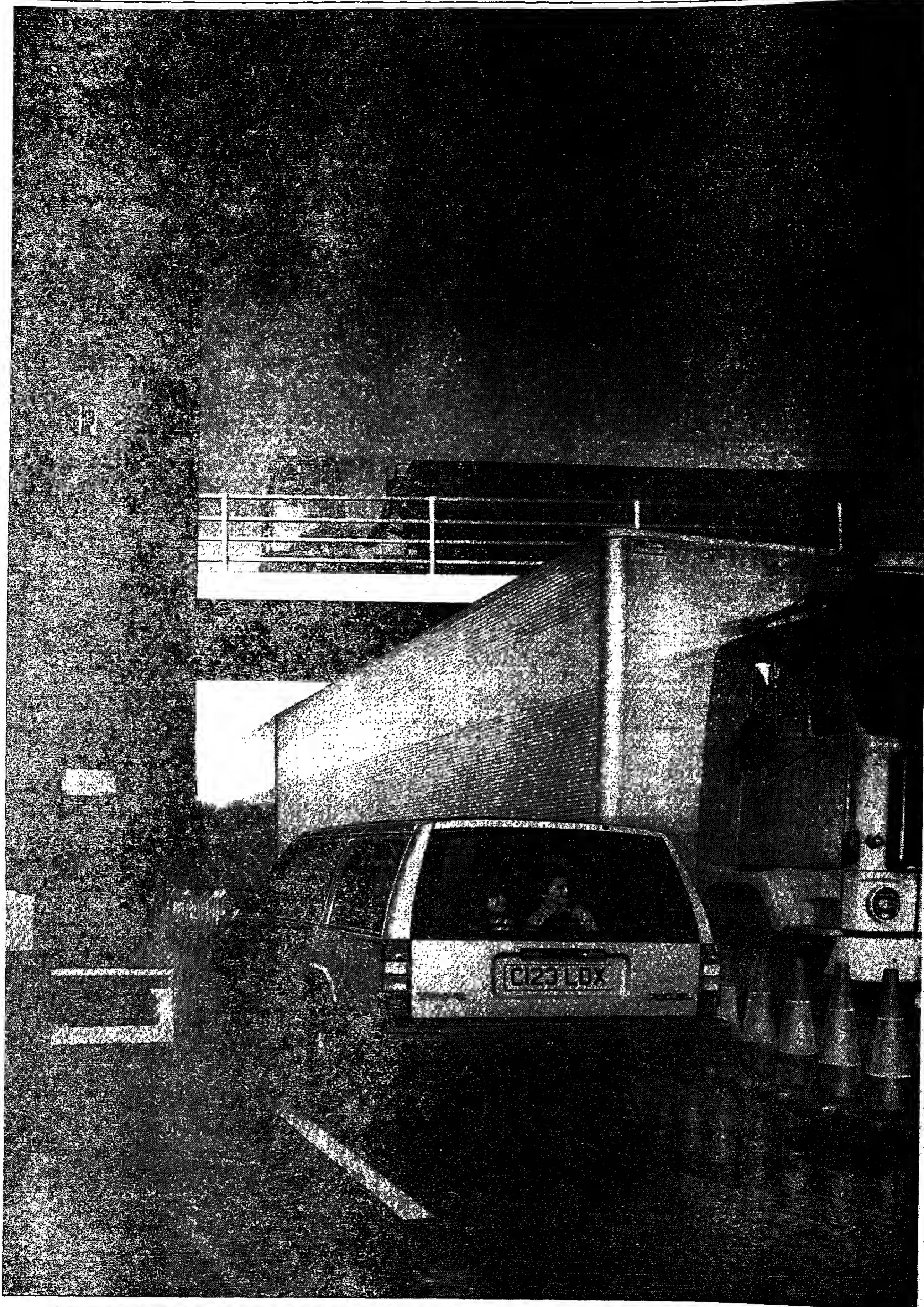
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The Libya crisis: Controversy mounts throughout the world

Arab League confirms its solidarity with Gadaffi if US attacks

Tunis (Reuters) - The 21-member Arab League said yesterday that it would support Libya in the event of another military strike by the United States.

"The campaign orchestrated by the US... is based on obscure accusations which are not justified by any tangible proof," the communiqué said.

The official news agency said that Mr al-Sharaa held a lengthy round of negotiations with the Libyan Foreign Minister, Mr Kamel al-Mansour, after he flew to Damascus for an unannounced visit earlier yesterday.

Thatcher baulks at plea on US bases

Continued from page 1 from Britain the Americans had hoped to use their F111 bombers, of which there are about 150 stationed at Lakenheath in Suffolk and Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire.



Private Robert Beecham weeping at the Detroit funeral of his brother, Kenneth, an army sergeant, killed in the April 5 bomb attack on a Berlin discotheque, blamed on Libya. West Berlin police have tightened border controls to bar terrorists.

Israeli Cabinet in renewed battle over finance post

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem "They don't seem to realize that they are driving an entire nation out of its mind," the mass-circulation Yediot Aharonot newspaper said of Israel's politicians yesterday.

Man in the News Troubleshooter for Reagan

From Christopher Thomas Washington General Vernon Walters is an original Cold War Paladin. This son of a Englishman, troubleshooter, extraordinary linguist, and the confidante/translator to several Presidents, has spent a lifetime in high-stakes, covert work.

He is a self-made man who rose through the ranks of the Army during the war and became an intelligence officer whose linguistic ability drew the attention of many generals, diplomats and five Presidents. He speaks seven languages, five of them fluently.

President Reagan brought him out of retirement in 1981, making him Ambassador-at-Large and the State Department's peripatetic troubleshooter.

EEC tries to forestall US military action

Continued from page 1 only has strong trade links with Libya, and a sizeable community of German oil workers in Tripoli, but also fears further attacks on US servicemen in West Germany.

Relatives stunned by life term for UK engineer

Relatives and friends of Mr James Abra of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, the British engineer jailed for life in Libya on spying charges, were stunned and dismayed at his sentence.

his Czechoslovak-born wife, Rudka, as a "very nice, quiet couple". Neighbours said they did not mix a great deal locally in a social way. They "kept themselves very much to themselves".

Mr Abra's brother, John, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, said on Saturday before the verdict: "There is a lot happening out there (Libya). We are all praying for good news."



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Progress made on Falklands in exploratory Mexico talks

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Parliamentarians from Britain and Argentina met here for exploratory talks on the Falklands dispute described by the head of the British delegation, Mr David Crouch, Conservative MP for Canterbury, as "a little piece of history".

He said that the possibility of ceasing hostilities and restoring diplomatic relations between the two countries had been brought nearer.

"The Argentines said the question of sovereignty over the islands no longer had to be the top item on a possible negotiations agenda," Mr Crouch told *The Times*.

But British source close to the meeting warned against talking of a breakthrough, saying that passions still remained high on both sides.

Mr Crouch and seven other MPs, three Conservatives and four Labour, left Mexico yesterday at the end of a week-long meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The eight British MPs met eight members of the Argentine Congress for more than an hour on Thursday night in an hotel room.

But the British delegation made it clear that should negotiations between the two governments take place, Britain, in the words of one MP, would not be in the game of beginning a process aimed at transferring the islands' sovereignty.

In an interview with *The Times* at the weekend, the most senior member of the Argentine delegation, Senator Julio Amodeo, confirmed that sovereignty did not have to be "number one on the list".

He said Argentina wanted to begin talks with "an open agenda", but then, appearing to contradict himself, he insisted that the sovereignty issue would have, categorically, to be included, although it could remain as the last point of negotiation.

● **PORT STANLEY:** Falkland islanders joined families of 56 British servicemen killed in the 1982 war in a memorial service held shortly after the fourth anniversary of the start of the conflict.



Breytan Breytenbach, the Afrikaner poet, with his wife Yolande, centre, and the writer Daleen Matthee in Pretoria.

Honoured poet hits at Pretoria 'madness'

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

South Africa's most famous contemporary poet in Afrikaans, Breytan Breytenbach, returned to his native land at the weekend for the first time since he was released from prison in 1982 after serving seven years of a nine-year sentence for terrorism.

In an astonishing sign of the changing times, Mr Breytenbach returned to be honoured as the recipient of one of the country's main prizes for literature by a largely establishment audience of Afrikaner authors, publishers and academics in the State Theatre in Pretoria.

The 25,000 prize is given annually by *Rapport*, the biggest-selling Afrikaans Sunday newspaper, and was won for poems written by Mr Breytenbach while in prison.

The audience gave him a standing ovation, but there was stunned silence when he made an impassioned denunciation of the Government, whose "rotteness" and "madness", he said, were unique.

"The Afrikaner's contribution to the richness of our world's spiritual heritage is specific: erecting and enthroning racism as an ideal state and then, as a sacrament to this idolatry, enshrining apartheid," he said.

He appealed to his fellow Afrikaners — "this whiteish and perverse tribe of Africans" — not to let things come "to the point where apartheid can only be smothered in blood".

Criticism for Bush after Gulf mission

Washington — Vice-President George Bush's 10-day visit to Gulf states seems to have damaged his standing as a presidential aspirant because of confusion caused by his call for "stability" in oil prices (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Bush was interpreted as appealing for higher prices for consumers and higher profits for oil companies.

He returned home to much criticism. But the main point of his mission, to assure Gulf states of the US commitment to keeping the Gulf open and containing the Iran-Iraq war, was seen as a success.

Border clash

Dhaka — Bangladesh protested to India that its troops killed two Bangladeshi soldiers in clashes along the north-west border. Tension was also reported on the eastern frontier (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Seamen strike

Hamburg (Reuters) — West German merchant seamen began an indefinite strike for better pay and conditions in the first such stoppage by German sailors for 90 years.

Officer jailed

Kuwait (Reuters) — An army major was jailed for 10 years in Kuwait for inciting the overthrow of the Government and defaming the Emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah.

Rogue buffalo

Nairobi (AP) — A rogue buffalo trampled an Italian farmer to death near Kenya's Lake Narus. Bruno Villa, aged 62, died when he tried to shoot the beast, which has terrorized lakeside residents.

Ferry capsizes

Lisbon (Reuters) — At least 18 people drowned when a canoe ferry on the River Cacheu estuary in Guinea Bissau capsized and sank, Portuguese radio reported.

Ominous fires

Karlsruhe (Reuters) — Two textile warehouses in Donauwörth, owned by a West German Jewish leader, Herr Werner Neumann, were destroyed by fire. Police have not ruled out arson.

Natta charts reformist path to power in Italy

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The applause at the close of the Italian Communist Party congress in Florence yesterday was warm and enthusiastic, indicating that Signor Alessandro Natta was now firmly established as its leader.

It was not a result that could have been taken for granted. He was made the party's secretary after the sudden death two years ago of Enrico Berlinguer and many regarded him as a stop-gap figure who would soon hand over the reins to a younger and more dynamic personality.

The party congress was called — unusually — a year ahead of the normal four-year period between congresses and in the wake of a series of setbacks.

Signor Natta said that his predecessor's policy of bringing the Communists into government coalitions was a phase now overtaken by events and he proposed a more decisive role for the Communists in the future.

These were no longer times, he said, in which the Communists should show themselves ready to support governments led by other parties.

He based the party's new political stand on the 1948 constitution, which was drafted with Communist help.

He argued that the constitution had not been fully acted and required a series of reforming measures which would allow it to be brought into full effect.

Signor Natta insisted on the need for a struggle to prepare the Communists for a decisive role in Italian politics as a governing party.

Italian link to Nazi death camp

Witness picks out 'Ivan the Terrible'

From Gitta Sereny and Dalbert Hallenstein, Trieste

An Italian witness has for the first time formally linked the so-called "Ivan the Terrible" from Treblinka with the name of the man now held in Israel for trial, John Demjanjuk.

The identity of the witness is being closely guarded for his protection and that of his family.

Thirteen survivors of the death camps have identified Demjanjuk as the man who drove hundreds of thousands of Jews into the gas chambers between July 1942 and September 1943.

But during their months of horror in the camps none of them ever knew his surname — or those of any of the other Ukrainian SS volunteers who guarded them. The impossibility of linking name and person has been a big difficulty in establishing the case in Israel.

When the extermination programme ended in autumn 1943, when the Russians approached the region in Poland where the death camps had been established, the German SS staff and a selected number of their Ukrainian assistants were transferred to Trieste to hunt down Italian Jews and partisans.

The man who, after extra information supplied by *The Times*, was formally interrogated last weekend by the chief magistrate of Trieste, is a craftsman. During the last years of the war, like many

began the search through thousands of files for possible witnesses.

The man they found has no political record, has led an entirely respectable life, and has a son who is a leading local executive. The family is appalled at even a relatively innocent association with the German SS becoming public after four decades and he was originally very reluctant to cooperate.

Demjanjuk may well have things to answer for here, too. For the Israelis this identification is of enormous importance and we shall, of course, be prepared to assist them as soon as we are asked.

Indicative of the degree with which the past still preoccupies the Triestenes (and exceptional in a country where the public traditionally avoid any unnecessary contact with officialdom), police appeals for information have borne fruit, too.

A former carabinieri, now aged 85, who to 1944 was imprisoned in San Sabba, the infamous Nazi prison where thousands of anti-Fascist and Italian Jews were held and murdered (the main subject of continuing Italian war crime investigations), believes he recognized in the photograph of the young Demjanjuk one of the Ukrainian SS guards at the prison.

He remembered him particularly, he told us last week, because — quite exceptionally — he managed on one occasion to engage him in conversation "and he said that he belonged to the unit who'd been killing Jews. I could never forget that."

War crimes trial

Belgrade — The trial of Mr Andrija Artukovic, aged 86, for alleged war crimes begins today in Zagreb (Dessa Trevisan writes).

Vasosavlja has waited nearly 40 years for the case against the wartime Interior Minister of the Croatian puppet regime to be heard. He was extradited from the United States in February.

artisans in the city, he worked for the German SS.

The craftsman was discovered, after the Americans, last August, said there was a possible Trieste link between Demjanjuk and the Ukrainian SS volunteers who came to Trieste from Poland.

About to deport Demjanjuk from the US for falsifying his visa application, the Americans sent a wartime photograph they had used in his trial, and the Trieste police



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Sikh militants press for united front to break the 'shackles of slavery'

Amritsar (AFP) — The Sikh Golden Temple here, ringed by police and paramilitary troops, echoed with cries of "Sikhs will rule" yesterday as militants appealed to Muslims, Christians and Buddhists to unite against the Hindu-led Indian Government.

The crucial *sarbat khalsa* (religious assembly) called by the militants urged "all Sikhs to arm themselves and be ready to fight to break the shackles of slavery imposed on us by the Hindus." Young Sikhs, with swords drawn, raised their hands in support. Contrary to best expectations, only between 3,000 and 5,000 attended.

A *gurmata* (God's edict) adopted by the congregation called on India's minorities to form a national organization to fight the federal Government.

Gurbachan Singh Manuochal, wanted by police for various "terrorist crimes", read out the edict.

Paramilitary troops, with orders to shoot troublemakers, sealed off Amritsar. About 2,100 federal troops were stationed around the shrine yesterday, backed by 1,000 Punjab policemen.

But the top Sikh militant leadership was here on a makeshift dais in front of their religion's highest seat, the Akal Takht, damaged in the June 1984 troop assault on the temple.

In what observers saw as a sign of desperation to spread the founding Sikh autonomy campaign, the edict called on the UN to set up a

Nuremberg-type trial of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, and his mother, Indira, assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards in October 1984.

"Like Adolf Hitler, Mr Gandhi and his mother have carried out the same oppression against the Sikhs... thousands of our brothers have been slaughtered," the edict said in a reference to the Hindu backlash after Mrs Gandhi's killing which saw about 3,000 Sikhs murdered.

● Mass rally: The Punjab Chief Minister, Surjit Singh Barnala, told a mass rally that terrorists did not have any religion (AP reports). He said Sikhs could sacrifice their lives against oppression but could never kill an innocent person.

Lange rejects agents' early release

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday ruled out the early release of two French agents alleged for bombing Rainbow Warrior, the Greenpeace flagship.

Speaking on a domestic phone-in programme broadcast by the BBC, Mr Lange said his Government would reject any political solution for their freedom.

He said negotiations were under way on normalizing relations with France and on the possible release of the two prisoners to a third country in the distant future.

But New Zealand would never release the agents to

serve part of their 10-year jail terms in France, he said.

"There will be no release under this government. We have no prisoners for sale," he said.

The two were jailed last year for their part in mining the ship in Auckland harbour.

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Bhutto promises radical reforms

From Michael Hamlyn Islamabad

Miss Benazir Bhutto, who returned from exile in London last week, arrived in the little industrial town of Gujranwala at 3 am yesterday to find an enthusiastic, though slightly rain-dampened crowd waiting for her, despite the fact that she was almost 12 hours late.

She had taken 13 hours to travel the 42 miles from the Punjab capital of Lahore. Every step of the way was accompanied by cheering, dancing crowds shouting "Zia out, Zia out".

Her cavalcade of cars, buses, lorries, bullock carts and donkeys stopped eight times along the way for her to address impromptu gatherings of industrial workers.

She told them her father, the former prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, had been killed by the martial law regime of General Zia ul-Haq because he had wanted to take over factories and hand them to the workers.

She also promised to abolish taxes on farmers which have been introduced as a result of a reversal to traditional Islamic policies.

Neither remark will endear her to the industrialists or the religious leaders, but it was always unlikely that she would have any appeal for them.

Miss Bhutto also told the crowd at Gujranwala of what she and her party are describing as an attempt on her life.

"It was a murderous attack," she said about a break-



Miss Benazir Bhutto waving to thousands of her enthusiastic supporters in Gujranwala.

Thousands 'elect' ally of Marcos

Manila (AFP) — Thousands of supporters of the ousted President Marcos held a rally here yesterday and proclaimed his running mate in the February elections, Mr Arturo Tolentino, aged 75, as the "duly elected" Philippines Vice-President.

At least 15,000 people cheered and waved flags and portraits of the fallen leader and let loose balloons as Mr Tolentino, a former MP and Foreign Minister, got on the stage, independent observers said.

Elsewhere, 5,000 placard-bearing Marcos loyalists began massing around a suburban university where some members of Mr Marcos's New Society Movement (KBL) plan to reconvene Parliament today in open defiance of the Aquino Government.

At yesterday's pro-Marcos rally, posters and streamers proclaiming allegiance to the former President were held aloft to drum rolls as the crowd chanted: "Let's attack Malacanang (the presidential palace)."

Loyalists said they would recognize Mr Tolentino as "temporary President" until Mr Marcos returned from exile in Hawaii. Mr Tolentino pledged to campaign for the return of the constitution on their relationship.

The major was married, and the only sinister circumstance was his address book, which contained the names and telephone numbers of police and military intelligence officers.

The incident is being played up by the party to indicate the fear that her successful series of meetings is instilling in the administration.

Farmers of China are given priority

Peking (AP) — Changes to emphasize farm production and the tasks of intellectuals were made in the annual report by Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, to the National People's Congress, the final version of which was released yesterday.

Mr Zhao delivered the draft of the report on the country's five-year plan for 1986-1990 on March 25 at the opening session of the congress.

Nothing appeared to have been deleted in the final version, released by the official New China news agency, but lengthy sections on agriculture and intellectuals, and brief statements about education and guaranteeing the decision-making powers of enterprises, were added.

New China said the changes were made at the suggestion of congress deputies, who complained during the session that not enough emphasis had been placed on farming.

"The continued flourishing of agriculture, the foundation of our national economy, is one of the important strategies in our new programme of modernization," the final report said. "Therefore, we should step up grain production so that it will grow steadily."

The report said arable land has been arbitrarily used for non-agricultural purposes and some peasants had become less enthusiastic about grain production.

The report advocated pushing forward rural reforms, concentrating on improving agricultural science and technology, and encouraging large numbers of scientific and technological workers to go to the countryside to help rural residents.

China's grain harvest declined last year by 7 per cent, its first fall in several years. The Government attributed the decline to natural disasters, a reduction in acreage

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Hardy was stunned. Here was a man of formidable intellect, a certain vision and perhaps... Hardy turned to the consultant, "Tell me, where do you have your suits made?"

HARDY'S FANTASY

Hardy came to an abrupt halt. "Take the sales department." The consultant took a step back at such unprecedented pertinence. "Here," continued Hardy, "we need the phones to be grouped, so that an unattended phone can be answered from any other extension."

The consultant made a note in his book. "We need certain frequently used numbers to be accessed quickly and easily with short codes." The consultant made another note. Craning over his shoulder, Hardy noticed that the

was secretly impressed.

A quick-witted consultant, like an affordable tailor, was a rare and valuable commodity. It was time to put him through his paces.

"That phone", ordained Hardy "must never receive an outside call, they must always go through this extension. And these phones should not have access to international lines." The consultant scribbled 'Call Diversion' and 'Call Barring' on his list, and underlined 'Merlin Octara'.

Hardy continued. "I need to

Relatives to sue over JAL crash

From David Watts Tokyo

A group of relatives of victims of the world's worst single-aircraft disaster have filed suit in the Tokyo district court against Japan Airlines (JAL), the Transport Ministry and Boeing.

Those joining in the suit comprise about 40 per cent of the families affected by the deaths of 520 people in the crash. They are backed by written complaints from 793 supporters and accuse officials of professional negligence resulting in death and injury.

They claim that JAL's maintenance system, which emphasized economic efficiency, overlooked inadequate Boeing repairs to landing gear after its heavy landing at Osaka in 1978. They blame the Transport Ministry for allowing a defective aircraft to fly and for inadequate supervision of JAL's maintenance.

The group, known as 8-12 after the month and day of the accident on August 12 last year, name five JAL officials, five ministry officials, including the former minister, Mr Tokuo Yamashita, and the chairman and president of Boeing.

The group claims that the Boeing 747 went out of control after the rear pressure bulkhead was ruptured due to metal fatigue causing destruction of the tailfin and hydraulic system.

Dhaka bus bomb kills passenger

Dhaka — One person was killed and about 100 others injured in bloody clashes between rival transport workers as most public buses were kept off the streets here for the third day yesterday, police said (Ahmed Fazi writes).

More than 20 people were arrested as bombs were thrown by picketing transport workers on Saturday at buses defying a strike call over a municipal decision to move the central bus station.

Police said that a passenger was killed when a bomb exploded in a bus in northern Dhaka.

Family sails world in a concrete yacht

Gamagori, Japan (Reuters) — An Anglo-Japanese family, which had its heart set on sailing around the world in a home-made concrete yacht, completed the voyage yesterday — nearly five years after setting off.

About 20 yachts and 2,000 people welcomed the 44-ft yacht when it sailed into Gamagori, near the central Japanese city of Nagoya.

Mr Hiroaki Nagae, aged 38, a former foreign ministry official, his British wife Jennifer, aged 37, and their daughter Erika, aged nine, left nearby Tokoname in July 1981.

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In honour of the Queen's sixtieth birthday next week, Alan Hamilton looks at the personal qualities of our monarch in the first of a three-part series. We will also examine her working relationships and in particular her rapport with the Commonwealth

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, Queen of the United Kingdom and 16 other realms, head of a Commonwealth of 49 nations, Defender of the Faith, horse and dog breeder, mother-in-law and grandmother, remains pensionable age next Monday. Under Department of Health and Social Security rules, however, she will not qualify for the state's old-age weekly handout of £61.30 for a married couple; her husband does not reach 65 until June, and besides neither of them are up to date with their National Insurance stamps.

Not that it will worry her unduly. Were she to sit in her counting house counting out her money, she would be able to tot up a personal fortune variously estimated at between £50 million and £100 million but to truth unknown, probably even to herself. She therefore has no need of state aid for her private support: every year on Budget Day, when her annual Civil List is announced, her spokesmen wearily attempt to pre-empt "Pay rise for Queen" headlines, reminding us all yet again that it is many a year since Parliament's annual grant to the Crown contained a salary for the monarch.

But more important than that, she is one working woman for whom retirement is not really an option. The bugaboo of her graceful withdrawal in favour of Charles surfaces with monotonous regularity, and a recent poll in a women's magazine indicated approximately half the population in favour of her doing so. Yet why should she? Thirty-four years into her reign she is, apart from occasional sinus trouble, in excellent health and high in public esteem and affection.

Abdicaton is a word still calculated to send a furious shiver through "the system", the generic term employed by the Royal Family to refer to their ever-burgeoning clan. Elizabeth II is a monarch with the highest sense of duty, instilled by her father and buttressed by her belief that his premature death at the age of 56 was hastened by worry over the wayward Edward who preceded him.

She has avoided the mistake of her great-grandmother Victoria, who refused to let Bertie look over her shoulder at the affairs of state, and drove him to a life of shooting and women. Charles has been in his mother's confidence from an early age, but where is the urgency to put him on the throne?

Elizabeth's reign has not all been plain sailing, and she has weathered storms both of style and of constitutional propriety. In the late 1950s Lord Altrincham was very nearly lynched by his peers for suggesting in effect that she was stuffy, boring and hermetically sealed from the real world. In the 1960s monarchy became intellectually unfashionable; John Osborne dismissed it as a splendid triviality, and Malcolm Muggeridge condemned it as an ersatz religion.



Family matters: at the Windsor Horse Show in 1980 the Queen flanked by (from left) Princess Alexandra, the Hon Angus Ogilvy and Prince Andrew



Sovereign smiles: Princess Elizabeth by Karsh of Ottawa on her 18th birthday and (right) the Queen at the Royal Film Performance last month



Such criticisms remain, except that today the show is known as The Palace Dallas, an exceptionally classy soap opera with many of the right characters: the sad sister, the over-the-top mid-European cousin, the randy younger son and his introspective, sensitive elder brother, the dear old granny in the lampshade frock.

Yet any criticism is at the institution and occasionally at its hit-part players. Critics and satirists find Elizabeth a notoriously imprecise and difficult target; even her monstrous puppet on Spitting Image is really rather endearing, and positively flattering by the standards of Gillray's vicious caricatures of her Hanoverian ancestors.

She achieves this, at least in part, by guarding jealously the privacy of her private life. We have all seen the shots of her tending the sausages at a Balmoral barbecue, but of what she really thinks and feels we know almost nothing. She never gives interviews, except rarely on safe topics like her horses, or what she remembered of VE Day; she will over-talk in public about her job.

Maintaining that intensely private core is one of her secrets for survival in the post-war world which is so deeply offended to find the tabloid denro's with their prying lenses lurking in the bushes of Sandringham, and why she was shocked to the core - far more than she ever showed in public - to find Michael Fagan sitting on the end of her palace bed.

Her private life has become increasingly fulfilled. Whether or not she enjoys her job is not a question she is often likely to address to herself, as in her view it is a question that does not arise. What she unquestionably enjoys to the full is her other principal role in life, that of grandmother, aunt and great-aunt to an ever-expanding family.

She has not always been able to reap the pleasures of family life. Her two elder children were born at a time when her life was dominated by fears for her father's health, and in their early years her attention was diverted by the new burden of the throne. It explains the ten-year gap between her first and second families; she was able to enjoy far more the early years of Andrew and Edward, and even now she appears to enjoy a closer and more natural bond with her younger two.

It has been noticeable, too, that in times of family crisis, such as her sister's divorce, Elizabeth has taken great pains to cast the cloak of family affection around all parties involved. Her daughter Anne may be closer in spirit and temperament to her father than her mother, but her boisterous child, Peter Phillips, the highest commoner in the land at number five in line of succession, is undoubtedly the Queen's favourite grandchild.

One of the richest women in the world is also famous for her parsimony. One feels that, in hard times, she would be a very effective housewife. Her various homes are celebrated for their spartan one-bar electric fires, and she herself is equally celebrated among her own circle for her obsession with turning off unwanted lights. In Sandringham and Balmoral it is she, not us, who pays the electricity bill.

Next Monday evening she will attend a gala performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, an institution which, it has been pointed out, costs the nation more to run than the Queen. But opera is so far down her list of recreational loves that it virtually falls off the bottom; she is happier kicking her shoes off and watching television.

By doing so she merely mirrors the lowbrow cultural taste of the population at large, to whom grand operatic will attend a gala performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, an institution which, it has been pointed out, costs the nation more to run than the Queen.

an elitist pursuit. In all she does, except where occasions of state demand it, she eschews novelty, lavishness and glitz. Horse-breeding, hardly a common hobby among the masses, is permitted; the British love animals, and the masses do after all have a strong vested interest in the sport.

How would Elizabeth like history to remember her? As one who fulfilled the high duty thrust upon her, no doubt, and she will be more concerned that the day's events set to mark this arbitrary milestone will prevent her from enjoying her traditional birthday treat - flying up to Sandringham to admire her horses.

More to the point, what mother does not envy a wedding to look forward to? Such thoughts will not trouble her much on her birthday; she will be more concerned that the day's events set to mark this arbitrary milestone will prevent her from enjoying her traditional birthday treat - flying up to Sandringham to admire her horses.

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one who kept the vows of holy matrimony between monarch and nation which are the essence of the Coronation ceremony. As one who adapted the monarchy to the times and maintained it, proving that the institution still had some value.

But above all, one strongly suspects, Elizabeth would care to be written in history as the woman who preserved the Commonwealth. It was all very well for Victoria, the apex of imperial power, to sit unseen in her widow's weeds at Osborne and rule the empire simply by being rather than doing. But there is no empire now, and in the modern world climate the Commonwealth could well be regarded as a frail flower.

It was a fortunate coincidence that Elizabeth ascended the throne in the same year as the world's first scheduled jet airliner service. She believes in the Commonwealth fervently, but she also believes that its titular head must be seen to the greatest possible degree in its member states, and only jet travel has made that possible. She is careful of her politics, but caring of this curious grouping that encompasses a quarter of the earth. She was livid with Reagan for invading Grenada; it was as though a member of her family had been defiled. In many ways she is the Commonwealth.

But her travels extend far beyond the old pink bits of the map. In October this extraordinary ambassador, perhaps the best that Britain ever had, is due to set foot in the Forbidden City of Peking. One prize remains, and may yet come; to go walkabout in Red Square.

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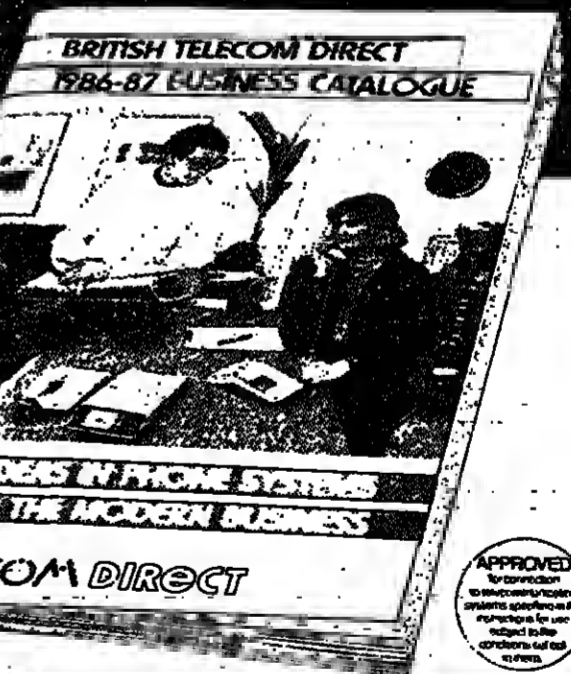
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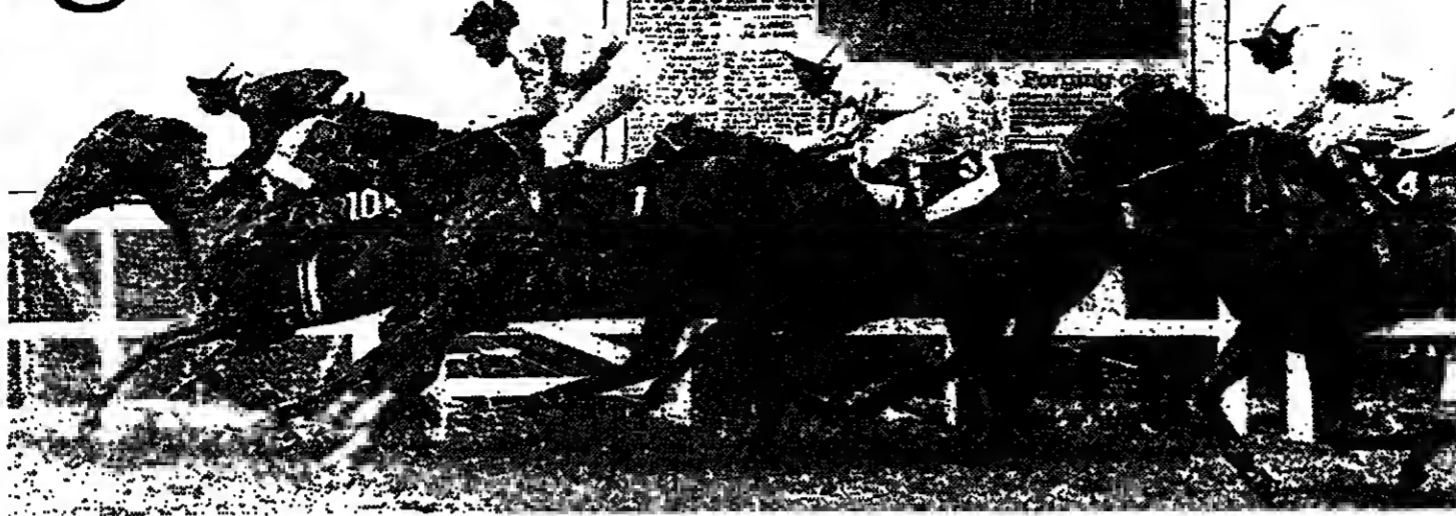


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A hi-tech tabloid newspaper is under starter's orders for launch in two days time — and is tipped to start a racetrack circulation battle



Jockey Club brigadiers are going to be in for a shock when a new racing paper, the *Racing Post*, hits the streets on Wednesday. The style of the paper says that ranks, beloved of the racing fraternity, will not be printed unless they belong to serving officers.

There was a time when the *Life* and the *Sporting Chronicle* shared 150,000 racing readers between them. Better racing pages in the popular press and the habit of pinning the racing papers on the wall of betting shops to make life easy for the punters changed all that. The newcomer will be happy to break even at 40,000 by the end of its second year.

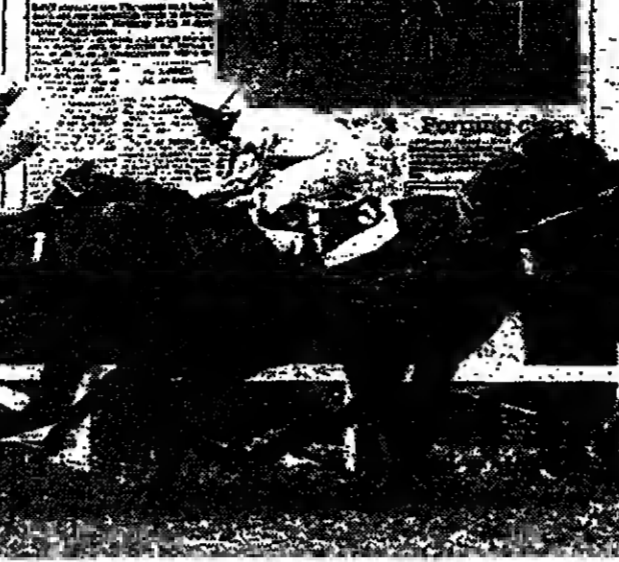
Scott who suggested the idea of a new technology racing paper to Sheikh Mohamed, the senior of the Maktoum brothers, at a meeting in Dubai.

The Editor, Graham (The Rock) Rock, was reared in the looser disciplines of psychology and sociology at Durham. But he claims he spent more time studying form than Freud.

"I got a call from Brough and flew home for a 48-hour meeting. I said I'd take the job provided I could pick my team and be an independent editor."

RACING POST

Rove can get off to a flyer



'Our writing must be intelligible to a much wider audience'

introductory paths to racing journalism, the *Timeform* and *Raceform* racing manuals or the PA Racing News Service. Only the keenest survive that.

Rock is also discouraging one of the most characteristic features of racing journalism, the apparent dread of mentioning a horse's name more than once in a piece.

The journalists have been getting on well in the new environment. "But the computers seemed to need time to bed themselves in", says Rock, who has suffered nerve-wracking machine breakdowns during some of the dummy runs.

Others feel different pressures. All the outside correspondents have been given Tandy portable computers. They can key in their stories, link themselves onto a telephone line and send their copy to the central computer in seconds.



Editor Graham Rock from Fleet Street

night list of runners back in Fleet Street we could just go across the road and get another one."

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A sporting man at arms

For someone who had to be ordered to stop walking about the front line in a hail of machine-gun bullets on the Third Ukrainian Front then engaged in bitter fighting with the retreating Germans in Yugoslavia in 1945 General Vladimir Stoichev's longevity is remarkable.

General Vladimir Stoichev, (right) veteran of the International Olympic Committee, was 94 this month. He recalls his career and talks about the changing Games



In old age, he is as forthright as ever. The Olympics should be open, he says, a provocative pronouncement in anti-professional Eastern Europe. How, he asks, can rhythmic gymnasts be required to practise a half-hour training programme and be called amateurs?

that the Olympic Games is the strongest social force in the world, and he openly praises the success of the Los Angeles Games two years ago which were boycotted by his own country.

pic Games of 1924 and 1928 by Stoichev and his colleague, Kroun Lekarski.

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The fight to save a giant

An African rhinoceros standing in broad daylight on open ground makes almost everything around it look small. A large specimen can stand six feet at the withers and weigh two tons, with a horn of densely compacted hair fibre stretching a yard from the sinewy base on its wrinkled snout to its polished tip.

Mass poaching is killing off the African rhinoceros. The authorities are fighting back — but is it all too little, and too late?

BLACK RHINO POPULATION

Tanzania	3,130
Zimbabwe	1,680
Zambia	1,650
South Africa	640
Kenya	550
Namibia	400
Central Afr Rep	170
Mozambique	130
Cameroon	110
Sudan	100
Somalia	90
Angola	80
Malawi	20
Rwanda	15
Botswana	10
Ethiopia	10
Chad	5
Uganda	0
TOTAL (1984/8,400)	

half the poachers' bounty goes to North Yemen, where a seven-fold increase in income has allowed thousands of youths to buy rifles with a privilege formerly restricted to the aristocracy.

An extensive project is now underway in Zaïre's Garumba National Park to stop the extinction of the last 14 specimens of a distinct species, the northern white rhino.

Geles Tatham, a provincial warden in the Zimbabwe Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management who is coordinating "Operation Stronghold", a full military operation against poachers in the Zambezi Valley, another world heritage site.

Since December 1984, scores of poacher gangs from Zambia — where the Lusanga Valley National Park is now thoroughly depleted — have been crossing the Zambezi river by night in canoes. They have cut down about 120 black rhinos, while the Zimbabweans have killed 10 poachers.

Mr Tatham says he expects the poachers to increase their belligerence. They have started including "hit men" carrying AK 47 automatic rifles to fight their way out of National Parks ambushes, and he predicts they will soon begin direct attacks on his staff.

The one ray of hope has been the efforts of the Natal Parks Board in the Umfolozi and Hluhluwe game reserves of South Africa. During the 1950s the population of white rhino was wiped out in eastern and southern Africa, except for between 50 and 100 in Natal. But a carefully managed protection and breeding operation has dragged the white rhino back from the brink of extinction to the point where more than 3,000 have been reintroduced in other African countries.

Conservationists are concerned, however, by the effect that South Africa's current political upheaval could have on conservation. "Unless the scene there is very carefully controlled", says a senior member of the rhino specialist group, "there is a chance that a breakdown in law and order could destroy the last breeding nucleus for white rhino in Africa".

Jan Raath

'I would like to be a man of three centuries'

the provinces for a year for whistling at the German-born Bulgarian Kaiser in a German propaganda film. Eleven years later he took part in the abortive coup to overthrow the despised imported king.

arrived for a competition in Madrid by rail wagon, having treated his horse every few hours in the intense heat.

On each turn of the stairs to his flat a wall-seal has been placed in the corner. The remarkable General, his eyes as bright as his tie-pin, is pacing himself. He would like to be "a man of three centuries". We drank a bottle of champagne to that.

David Miller

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JAMAICA



Hazards of a woman's heart

Margarine marketing is an unlikely clue to the growing realization that women are also vulnerable to heart trouble, writes Thomson Prentice

Affairs of the heart, when considered in a medical context, have been almost exclusively a male concern. The traditional membership of the coronary club has been reserved for men only, because it is they who are seen as the most likely victims of heart disease.

The fact that women are very much at risk as well has been largely ignored by doctors, scientists, health educationists, and — perhaps most of all — by women themselves.

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Professor Michael Marmot, professor of community medicine at University College, London, and the Middlesex Hospital medical school, is a leading researcher into heart disease.

But there are risk factors unique to women, such as the association between oral contraceptives and heart disease, the combined risk that may occur from smoking and taking the pill for women over 35, and the effects of the menopause.

Many health specialists are particularly concerned about women smokers, whose cigarette consumption increased by 15 per cent during the 1970s and who are evidently giving up the habit more slowly than men.

What may in fact be the case is that women in relatively low-status jobs may be at increased risk, particularly if they are trying to cope with children at home as well as the pressures of their working hours.

A long-term, continuing study of men and women in a small American town has shown that professional women do not have an excess of coronary heart disease when compared with housewives.

One of the most important predictors of heart disease among women clerical workers, the study found, was having a "non-supportive" boss.

Impressed by that research, Professor Marmot and colleagues are pursuing the influences of work and home life on heart disease among both men and women in Britain.

To breed or not to breed?

When I first got married, the times were very uncomplicated. All you had to do was shut your eyes and think of Empire and, sooner or later, you would find that you had become A Mother.



PENNY PERRICK

The disadvantage of this state of affairs was that some of us saw out the most vital years of our lives gawily, through eyelashes gummed together with Farex.

Every pre-parental couple I know start spouting a script, which seems to have been written by Chekhov, every time the talk gets around to the desirability of increasing the size of their household.

It doesn't seem very long ago since broodiness was a condition that attached itself to women; now it seems to be an exclusively masculine complaint.

Arguments about sex and money have always been top of the list of reasons for marital breakdown. I feel that spats over the ifs and whens of parenthood may be coming up fast on the outside.

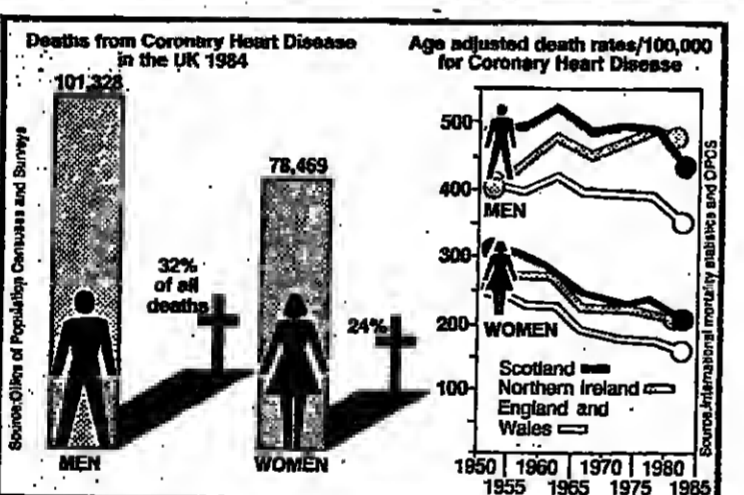
To help people cope with this unfriendly situation, an outfit called Oasis Communications has started to run workshops called "Shall I Have Children?"

According to Helen Taylor and Sheila Naisch, who run the workshops, the issues which now huzz around to the heads of women who hang back from pregnancy are these:

And, after all that, I hope those attending don't have the bad luck to work for an executive I know who insists that female employees arrange to give birth during their summer holiday so as to ensure minimum disruption at the office.

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HEARTS UNDER ATTACK



Tomorrow

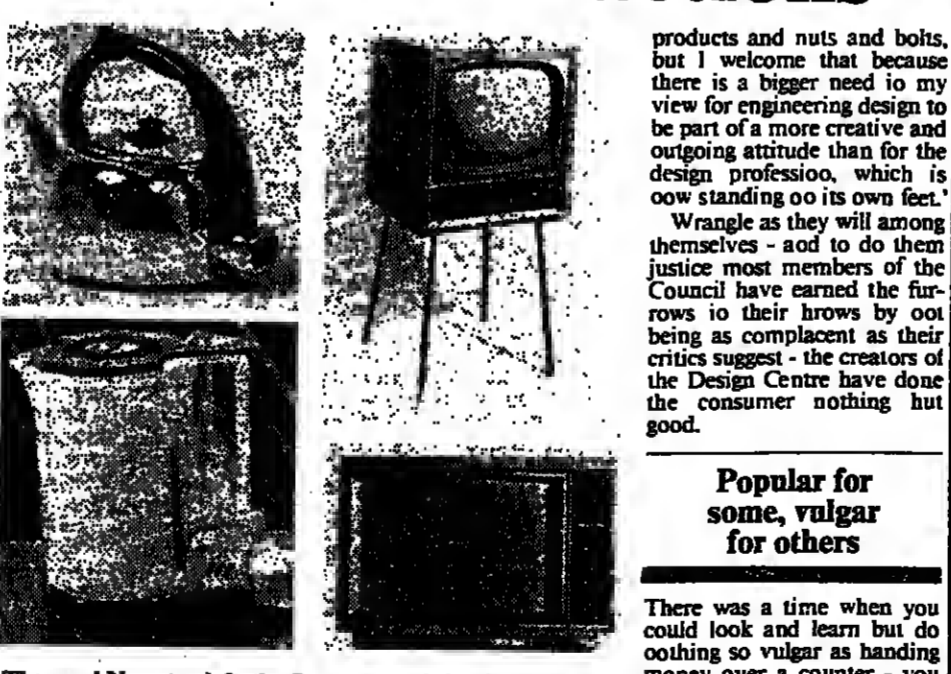
Suzy Menkes on Karl Lagerfeld, the man who shook-up Chanel

Dress for town in Country Life

FOR FOOTWEAR CONNOISSEURS

Centre of extreme reactions

The Design Centre is 30 years old and still flourishing, Beryl Downing discovers



Centre of excellence, funny little department store, misguided poseur — opinions of the Design Centre in London's Haymarket vary from the reverent to the vitriolic, but in spite of them all it has survived for 30 years and celebrates its anniversary tomorrow with an exhibition, "Then and Now."

Then and Now: top left, the first automatic kettle by Russell Hobbs in 1955; below, same company, different shape — the 1985 jug kettle. Top right, Pye's 1955 television by Robin Day; below, latest Trinitron television by Sony (UK).

Popular for some, vulgar for others

There was a time when you could look and learn but do nothing so vulgar as handing money over a counter — you had to scurry all round town looking for recommended stockists who usually knew nothing whatever about the products you had seen.

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NO CASE FOR TRANSFER

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand prime minister, seemed to back away, in his BBC radio phone-in interview yesterday, from what had been interpreted as a hint that France and New Zealand were close to a solution of the dispute over the Rainbow Warrior incident.

Indeed the new French prime minister, Monsieur Chirac, while still leader of the Opposition, made some political capital out of his predecessor's failure to secure the agents' release, and even threatened New Zealand with being considered "an adversary of France" if it insisted on keeping them in detention.

France's action in sinking the Rainbow Warrior was palpably both immoral and ill-judged ("worse than a crime, a mistake," as Talleyrand would have said), and partly because the notion that individuals can be exonerated from responsibility for criminal acts on the grounds that they were acting under orders has been repugnant since the time of the Nuremberg trials.

AN ENLARGED OPPORTUNITY

As Sweden's new prime minister sets out for the Soviet Union, both sides will feel a twinge of regret when the red carpet is rolled out for Ingvar Carlsson, and not for Olof Palme. Moscow will be disappointed because the late Swedish Prime Minister's eminence in the world of international politics would have been a diplomatic adornment for Mr Gorbachov's foreign policy.

all the greater. Mr Carlsson will not be inhibited, as Mr. Palme might have been, by having seen his country's neutrality violated by intruding Soviet submarines while under his stewardship, (not yet at least) Nor, as a little known politician internationally, is he likely to be hampered by personal considerations of statesmanship. He can, while insisting that he is maintaining the Palme tradition intact, actually start to reshape the Swedish-Soviet relationship.

The first is to convince the Soviet leadership that he is just as serious about maintaining Sweden's defences as his predecessor was, and that Swedish-style neutrality is something quite different from Finland's wary fence-sitting. It will be especially important for this to be made clear if Moscow, as it may well do, floats once more the idea of a nuclear-free North for the benefit of a new Scandinavian leader.

A common age for retirement

From Mr P. G. D. Naylor Sir, Although the proposed changes in the consultative paper on sex discrimination and retirement ages are a step in the right direction, they are, as your leader suggests (April 3), a compromise which will still give rise to inequities.

For example, as long as the State pension age remains 60 for women and 65 for men an equal retirement age in an organization of, say, 63 would have adverse impact on men, who could be forced by their employers to retire at 63 but would have to wait until 65 for a State pension age.

Sport, cigarettes and television

From the Chairman of the Health Education Council and others Sir, Cigarette advertising was banned on television in 1965 because of the public and political view that it was wrong to use such a powerful medium to promote a product which contributes to the premature death of 100,000 people every year.

Our main concern is the impact of such coverage on young people. While smoking among adults in the United Kingdom is declining the recent Office of Population Censuses and Surveys research shows 41 per cent of school leavers are smoking. Confronted with such alarming statistics it is worth remembering that:

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 14 1945 Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born January 30 1882 and died on April 12 1945 when his fourth term of office as the 32nd President of the United States was less than three months old.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

From Our Own Correspondent WASHINGTON, April 13 The whole American nation is mourning a lost leader who died in the hour of triumph. Far into the night crowds of sad, silent people gathered in front of the White House, which had been President Roosevelt's home for 12 years.

President Truman, who was sworn in last night, with the current presidential term less than three months old, said: "The world may be sure we shall prosecute the war on both fronts, east and west, with all the vigour we possess, to a successful conclusion."

TALKS AT WHITE HOUSE

Mr Truman drove to the White House early this morning, and during the day held a conference with the nation's leaders to discuss the continued prosecution of the war at top speed.

Pariahs please

From Mr V. J. Downie Sir, The anti-smoking lobby has gone too far! May I first establish my qualifications for joining in this debate: I did not smoke heavily until I was nearly 14 years old, but since then I have actively inhaled the smoke from approximately 900,000 cigarettes.

Violence in Ulster

From the Reverend D. C. Johnston Sir, Your say today, (leading article, April 10) that if the Hillsborough agreement "cannot be defended... against blatantly vicious and illegal intimidation, then very little improvement of life in the Province will be possible."

Hope for S Africa

From Professor Roland Oliver Sir, I agree with Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien (feature, March 29) that white minority rule in South Africa is most likely to be ended eventually by outside military intervention based on the self-interested collaboration of the superpowers.

Amateur boxing

From the Director General of the British Safety Council Sir, If your reader, Robin Gowland (April 3) really believes that in amateur boxing the objective is not to hurt the other man, then he is living in a fool's paradise.

Oxfam in Nicaragua

From the Chairman of Oxfam Sir, The charges of your columnist, Roger Scruton (April 8), concerning Oxfam's integrity and effectiveness must be answered.

Hospital pressure

From Dr. D.N. Foster Sir, At the end of yet another financially disastrous year for the National Health Service, the country is faced with further dismantling of the basic acute services while being lulled into complacency by announcements of new investments.

Return of Eros

From Mr Ashley Barker Sir, It is good to know Eros is attracting attention in these columns on his return. Mr Frank T. Smith (April 2), raises again the question of the direction in which Eros should point and suggests that the statue should be pointing towards Shaftesbury Avenue.

Hospital pressure

depending on the mixture of cases. Without this number of beds, the remainder will rapidly be filled with patients of longer stay requirements, depriving us of the ability to admit many of those whose admission is most likely to determine the outcome of their acute illness.

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'English Sunday'

From Mr Lewis F. Sturge Sir, With the debate in the House of Commons on the Sunday trading Bill about to take place, the bench of Bishops is trying to influence opinion by what seems a wholly fallacious argument namely that the "English Sunday" is somehow a Christian institution.

John Percival Sarah Hemming

THE ARTS

Television Surprise in view

It must be an uniquely disquieting experience to discover, on settling down to a Saturday night...

E l'ho entrato miso nella peccia... e fo delibato...

Art-lovers preparing to visit Rome this summer will find Michelangelo's roof of the Sistine Chapel undergoing an amazing transformation...

Why history will need to be rewritten

"My backside has vanished into the curve of my back; my face looks like a coloured pavement from the drops of my brush..."



Michelangelo's lament (in a sonnet of 1511 to Giovanni da Pistoia) and self-caricature; and Gianluigi Colalucci (left) with his assistants...



angelo was apprenticed to the workshop of Ghirlandajo. Like all Florentine workshops, it was ruled with a rod of iron...

Rock Furious

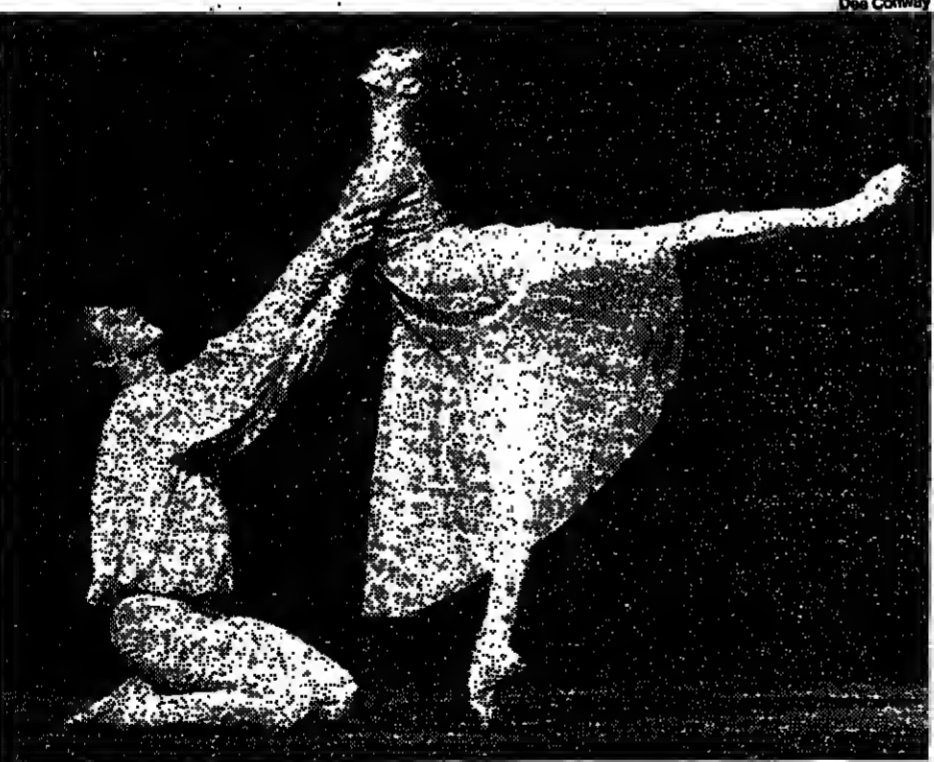
Screaming Blue Messiahs Marquee

While Husker Du continue to carry off the bouquets, the Screaming Blue Messiahs from London were back in town to offer a genuinely challenging variation on the guitar-trio format...

Dance Classic role magically transfigured

Romeo and Juliet Covent Garden

It is not easy to explain just what it is that Gelsey Kirkland did to transfigure and illuminate the role of Juliet in the Royal Ballet's familiar production at Covent Garden on Friday night...



Intense, inward passion: Gelsey Kirkland with Anthony Dowell as her Romeo

Theatre Comic contrasts

The Suburbs of Hell ICA

An ominous chord begins pulsating as the midnight-blue light discloses three vaults. Enter a black-cloaked figure who inspects the stage perimeter, gun at the ready...

Paul Roberts Wigmores Hall

The piano repertoire is not exactly lacking in picturesque, late-Romantic pieces, but a minor place of honour should now be found for the compositions of Dédot de Séverac...

Milan/Thomas Wigmores Hall

There seems to be a jinx against Robert Walker's Singer by the Yellow River, a setting for soprano, flute and harp of a far-eastern-style ballad written by Robert Gittings...

Richard Morrison

orchestral works of this 81-year-old composer are well known in France; we tend to select works from his large output of elegant and idiomatic chamber music for wind...

Advertisement for National Theatre featuring 'LONADAB' by Peter Shaffer. Includes text: 'EXTRA PERFORMANCES', 'Shaffer's most daring, most personal play... ALAN BATES is REMARKABLE... in a SUPERB cast.', and contact information.

They Fairly Mak Ye Work Dundee Rep

Billy Kay has brought aspects of Scottish social history still within reach of living memory into focus for Scottish audiences several times already...

Irving Wardle

Miller's piece than straightforward deflation. It is an exercise in Jacobean science-fiction, set in a future when hand-guns, according to the programme summary, are as commonplace as hand-made shoes...

Sarah Hemming

Against Neil Murray's set - huge grey blocks that wheel about to form equally unemitting mill-walls and tenement houses - the cast are dwarfed, their size contrasting with their vitality. It is a strong ensemble performance...

Hilary Finch

Advertisement for 'Supper at the Cordon Bleu' featuring Hilary Finch. Includes text: 'The Summer programme of Tuesday Evening Demonstrations with Supper at the Cordon Bleu starts in early May.', 'Each demonstration covers approximately 5-6 cooking recipes suitable for 8-10 adult entertaining of family, friends and business colleagues.', and contact information.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

US NOTEBOOK Japanese problem still dogs industry

From Maxwell Newton New York There is increasing disappointment over the failure of the devaluation of the dollar to ameliorate the problems of United States manufacturing industry.

Woolworth outlines plan to counter Dixons bid

Woolworth yesterday fired off the first defensive broadside in its attempt to stave off the £1.6 billion bid mounted by Dixons, the electronics retailer.

to the performance came from the six Focus areas which we were already beginning to specialize in. The results have given us the confidence to adopt a more dramatic policy.

Woolworth this week, has also said it will drop some lines, but Mr Mulcahy described its plans as "extremely vague and inconsistent".

and their chains of small photographic shops. Dixons also plans to sell Comet, Woolworth's electrical goods retailing offshoot.

Extel chief rejects the Demerger offer

Mr Alan Brooker, chairman of Extel Group, has rejected unequivocally the revised offer from Demerger Corporation.

The revised offer, made ten days ago, eliminated loan stocks, which would have been issued under the original reconstruction plan, and included a fully underwritten cash alternative of 400p an Extel share.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Exclusive: the new world debt plan...

At last week's Washington meetings, the United States Treasury Secretary, James Baker, announced that the key industrial governments had endorsed his plan for feeding \$40 billion of new money into economies worst hit by the international debt crisis.

Other assets (eg. matchsticks)..... 6. Attach a separate sheet listing all debts, broken down by creditor. Include those debts which your country has no intention of paying.

No N Sea cutbacks, Opec told

By David Young Energy Correspondent The oil producers' cartel, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is still pinning its hopes for an end to the world oil price collapse on a cut in production by North Sea companies.

Lawson warned on monetary policy

By Our Economics Editor Monetary policy is in a "dangerously uncertain situation", according to Mr Gavyn Davies and Mr David Morrison, chief economists at Goldman Sachs.



Nigel Lawson promised to explain monetary policy

Tokyo to fight yen rise

By David Smith, Tokyo The Japanese government will resist attempts to force up the value of the yen further, to help reduce the country's huge trade surplus.

Malaysia seeking to reschedule debts

From M G G Pillai, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, beset by sharply lower commodity prices and a weakening currency, has asked to reschedule its foreign debts.

Building societies given free hand on loan rates

By Lawrence Lever changes in mortgage rates has been crumbling since the Abbey National the second largest building society, formally withdrew from the cartel in October 1983.

Nakasone under US pressure

From Bailey Morris Washington The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone arrived in Washington yesterday and signs that Western nations are becoming impatient with Japan's slow progress in recycling its huge trade surplus.

Tesco may expand in Europe and US

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor Tesco Stores, Britain's second biggest grocer and growing quickly, is studying the prospects of expansion abroad, especially in Europe and the United States.



Ian MacLaurin: "options are being studied"

Laurin, who sees EPOS going into all the key Tesco outlets. But Tesco is not targeting edge-of-town sites only for its stores.

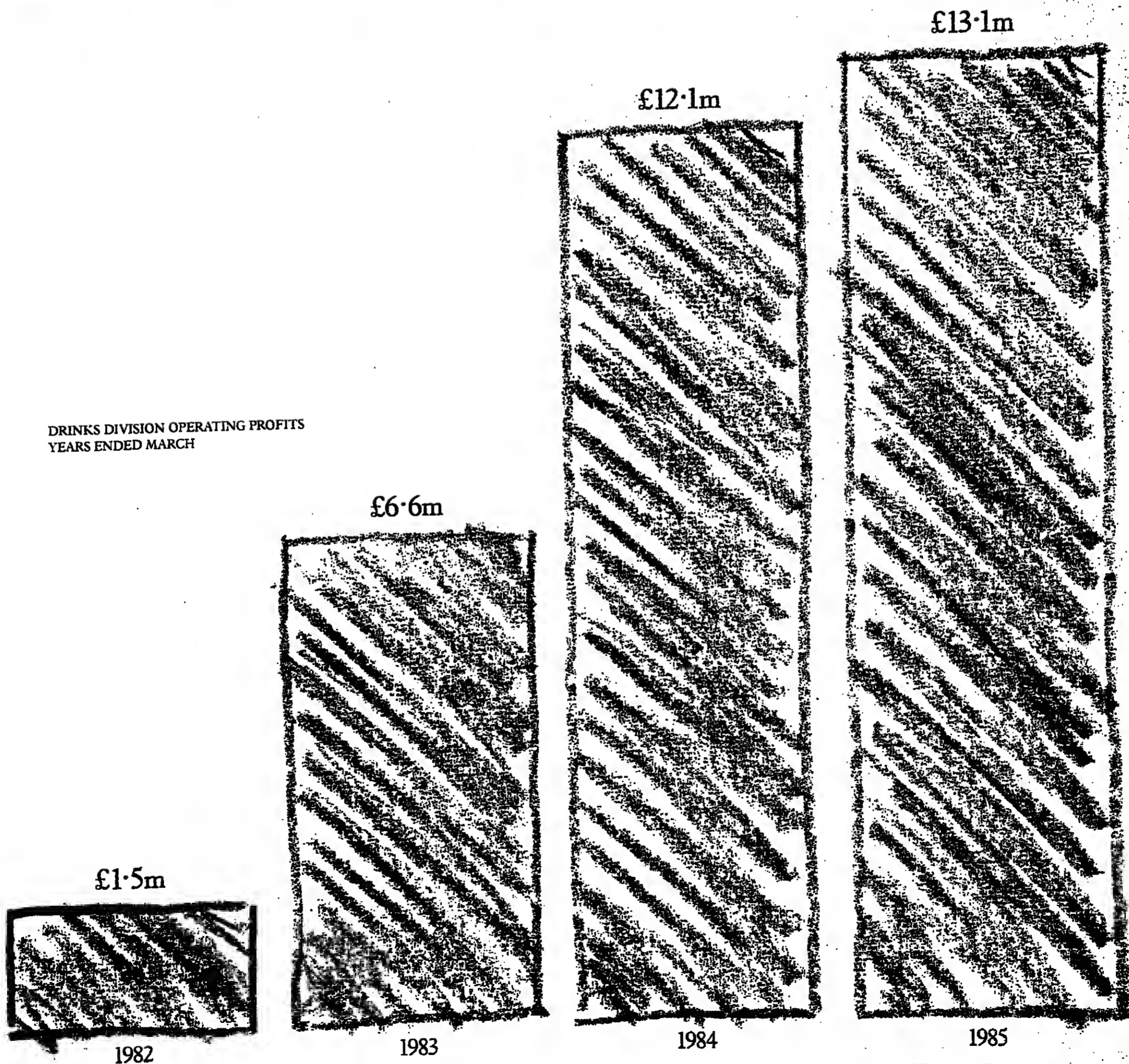
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GILT-EDGED

Game set and match to the Bank of England

The Bank of England was built around the turn of the 19th century, but its provenance is far older. Money flowed round the Square Mile during the Middle Ages, as the great monastic houses located close to the river in the east of the City lent to the King...

ing optimism about the British economy is given some prominence. But behind the studied ecclesiastical calm, a sense of whoopee exhilaration runs through the prose. The December to March quarter contains one of the Bank's greatest ever triumphs in its dealings with the market...

of the fix. Brother Bill refers to the unusually large revisions to the Bank's estimates of daily shortages in the market, most notably concerning the net Exchequer position. The published Exchequer figure is a key contributor to analysts' estimates of the CGBR during any one month...

first-quarter central government cash surpluses were thus free to go back into the market. They helped to push rates down via bill purchases without the countervailing upward pressure on yields caused by an aggressive tapping policy. On the final component of the strategy, the authorities may have simply got lucky...

Christopher Dunn Orion Royal Bank

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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USM REVIEW

First steps for building professionals

Two USM placings this week mark the debut of a new type of business on the market - building professionals. County Bank and the stockbroker Phillips & Drew are bringing in Ernest Green and Partners, a structural engineering consultancy...

started years, however, that has started to change. The customers - large construction groups and property developers - increasingly seek firms which can offer a wider range of disciplines for the large commercial projects.

the past few years has shifted towards a client base predominantly in the retail, office and leisure sector. However, it has also been a pioneer in town centre redevelopment. D.Y. Davis, based in Richmond, Surrey, is a younger company founded in 1969...

to £550,000 after a £68,000 goodwill write-off. Share Drug Stores, the USM-quoted cut-price drug store retailer based in the south, announced interim profits of £851,000, an increase of 42 per cent on the comparable period last year.

Isabel Unsworth The author is a member of the smaller companies unit at Phillips & Drew.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with multiple columns: Company, Price, Change, Gross, Div, Yield, P/E. Includes sections for FINANCIAL TRUSTS and other investment trusts.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interims: Highland Distilleries, Rand Mines. Finals: Robert Adlard, Baillie Gifford Technology, Boussard, Dewhurst (I.J.), Fortum & Mason, MCD Group, Parambe, Thurgar Bardex.

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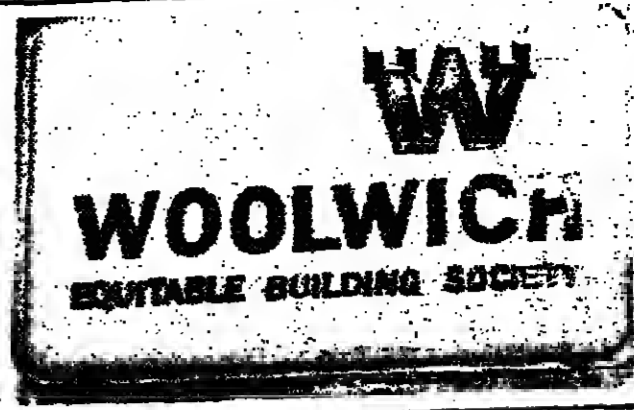
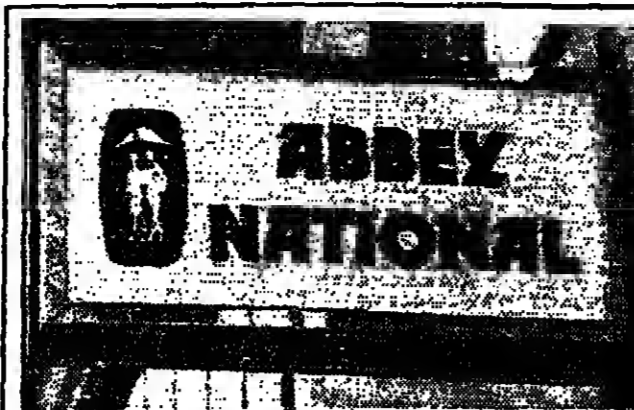
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Home sweet home loans

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over, the Bill stipulates that Class 2 and 3 assets together must not exceed 10 per cent of lending.

It was not even these low ceilings placed upon non-traditional activities that concerned the larger societies. They were prepared to accept that initial low limits were perhaps inevitable given that these were uncharted territories for building societies.

But what did concern the large players were the provisions in the Bill which allowed the Government to increase the lending ceilings by statutory instrument rather than by another building societies Bill.

With regard to conversion to company status - which a number of the larger societies see as the best route to a position which is fully competitive with other financial institutions - the current proposals make this route an arduous, if not impassable one.

In the consultative paper on conversion the Government said that safeguards were necessary and that the procedures for conversion should not be "set up in such a way as to encourage conversions to take place for the wrong reasons".

If the conversion provisions made the process too easy this could, according to the consul-

tative paper, "precipitate a rash of conversions involving a rapid, disruptive and damaging change to the building society movement, as well as liquidity problems for newly converted companies".

It was easy to imagine a suitable scenario that would give rise to such a situation, and the consultative paper put forward one.

"If an outside institution were able to hold out the prospect of an immediate distribution of shares to members of the society and offer to buy them at a significant premium, that could be highly destabilizing. Members might be tempted by what was in effect a cash bonus rather than consideration of what was in the best long-term interest of their society, secure in the knowledge that they could transfer their money to another building society once the process was complete."

The Government therefore proposed three voting requirements which must be satisfied for a society to convert. A resolution for conversion to a company would have to be approved by 75 per cent of the investors who voted on it and by a majority of the voting borrowers.

But it was the third voting requirement that caused most consternation. This stipulated

that at least 20 per cent of a society's members must vote in favour of the resolution. Several societies said this was an impossibly high percentage.

What the Alliance and Leicester put merger proposals to their members only 10 per cent of them were stirred enough to vote. For the Nationwide Building Society the 20 per cent voting requirement would mean persuading 600,000 people to vote. The Nationwide has never got more than 150,000 of its members to vote on any motion so far.

In the committee stage of the Bill Mr Stewart indicated that government thinking was now along the lines of a threshold of 20 per cent of the total number of eligible voters voting.

But even if the provisions are slightly relaxed the view within the building society industry (if not the Government) is that this will not lead to a tidal wave of conversions.

A survey of top executives at 51 of the larger societies, carried out by City Research Associates, revealed that even if the conversion provisions were significantly relaxed "the general expectation is that no more than 10 societies will take this route".

Lawrence Lever

Easy access to cash in the hi-tech age

Building societies are embracing technology more rapidly now than they have ever done in the past two decades as they gear themselves up to compete directly with the banks. The societies have normally been highly conservative in their approach to technology.

Customers liked to have their own paybooks, written by hand and a personal touch at the counter was paramount, claimed the societies. But the legislation which allows the societies to offer a range of financial services as an alternative to the banks has accelerated the process of accepting technology.

The societies were well behind the banks and financial institutions in equipping their tellers with electronics. It is only recently that the customers to building societies have been able to have their paybooks updated immediately by an electronic terminal, remotely connected to a mainframe computer system. Before this move the paybook would need to be submitted to the branch when making a withdrawal and returned to the customer several days later by post. Now they can be updated in real time in the branch.

These terminals and the new systems being devised are meant to ensure that customers have easy access to their money. The societies believe this feature will attract much needed investment.

The mainstay of the electronic building society is the automated teller machine (ATM). Introduced extensively by the UK banks over the last decade they have been extremely successful in relieving the cashiers of much routine work such as withdrawals, statements and cheque book orders and have given customers the opportunity to obtain cash outside banking hours.

The banks were particularly keen on encouraging the technology since the processing of the average cheque now costs about 50p. As an incentive to encourage customer use of ATMs most banks pass on at least part of the cost saving to the customer in the form of reduced service charges.

It is that network of ATMs the building societies wish to match. The building society network will give their customers the same withdrawal and statement facilities as the bank network. The principal building society network is

called MATRIX and has been created by a company called Electronic Funds Transfer, founded under the auspices of the Building Societies Association. Seven of Britain's top societies are the founding members and between them they have a total of nearly 2,500 branches, 8.1 million investors and £32 billion in assets. These societies are the Alliance & Leicester, Anglia, Bradford & Bingley, Bristol & West, Leeds Permanent, National & Provincial and the Woolwich Equitable. More than 200 ATMs started the first phase of MATRIX in February. During the rest of this year more than 400 ATMs will be installed around the country. In the next two to three years the network will grow to more than 1,000 machines.

high street retailers - shops, restaurants and cinemas - to the building societies. The banks have similar plans and pilot networks in progress. These networks will totally revolutionize shopping and minimize the need to write cheques. All the retailers will have specially designed electronic units at the customer checkout. The customer will present a credit/cash card which will be inserted into the electronic unit.

In turn, it is connected to the computer of the bank or building society that issued the card by way of a high speed data communications link. The building society/bank computer can validate the use of the card in seconds and the credit/cash limit of the customer. The purchase is made electronically by transferring funds - hence the name - from the customer's bank/building society account to that of the retailer.

The retailers will benefit substantially by the quick transfer of cash, a substantial reduction in the cost of administration/security and quicker service at the checkout. The customer will not need to write cheques and risk paying service charges but will lose the benefit of three days credit as a cheque is cleared. However, purchase with credit cards will become more commonplace which could give the customer up to six weeks free credit.

But MATRIX has a rival called LINK. The Co-operative Bank, National Giro Bank, Abbey National and the Nationwide Building Society have joined forces to form the backbone of the new network.

Financial giants like Western Trust & Savings and Citibank will join the network along with about 16 small building societies. By the end of next year the partners will have a network able to accommodate more than six million cardholders.

However it is still uncertain what will be the cost of these electronic networks, and whether the customer will see any immediate financial benefit since the cost may have to be transferred to the customer. A national electronic fund transfer network linking the high street with the building societies and banks would cost about £350 million.

Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

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High street war for balances of power

The days when the building societies had most of the retail deposit market and virtually all of the home loan market to themselves have gone for good. Over the last two years the societies have become locked in battle with the banks in both areas.

More recently other competitors, such as insurance companies, have entered the lists too. Their appearance underlines the fact that although this is a battle centred on mortgages and deposits, the real issue at stake extends out into the whole field of financial services for individuals. It is only the centre of the revolution taking place in retail financial services.

During the 1960's and 1970's the building societies quietly but surely went about lapping up the lion's share of the nation's retail deposits. Their friendly, unfussy image appealed to everyone — those with bank accounts and those without. They capitalized on their uncomplicated service and built up huge branch networks to rival the clearing banks' ability to attract funds in the high street.

The banks obligingly ignored this, fascinated as they were with wholesale lending overseas to Mexico, Brazil, Argentina... It was only in the early 1980's, when the world debt problem made wholesale lending less attractive, that the banks woke up. They found they had less than 40 per cent of the retail deposit market left in non-interest bearing current accounts.

At the same time corporate lending was becoming less profitable and the banks were getting desperate for financial resources. As their eyes turned inwards towards the domestic market they had neglected, they noticed what the building societies were up to and decided to join in.

The effect was electric. It did not take long for the banks to discover how sensitive to interest rates depositors are, and to offer accounts with higher rates of interest. The problem for both banks and societies alike in doing this is the tendency for people simply to switch their money from a lower to high paying account, with the same institution.

One solution to this has been the higher rates paid for bigger deposits. The banks and building societies follow policies of paying graded rates of interest rising with the amount on deposit. So an account with, say, £10,000 in it might receive 1.0 per cent interest more than an account with only £1,000 and up to 2.5 per cent more than an ordinary deposit account.

But despite this, as higher interest accounts boomed, money in lower interest accounts has shrunk. Now less than 30 per cent of building society deposits are in ordinary share accounts compared to around 80 per cent two years ago. To attract more money into non-interest bearing current accounts on the

other hand, the banks have introduced free banking. On the lending side, banks entered the mortgage market at the end of the 1970's realizing that the margins to be made on this lending far outstripped those on corporate lending. Moreover, mortgage borrowers are extremely reliable and the default rate is tiny compared to other forms of lending — such as to developing countries.

The bank sector has by now captured 20 per cent of the £30 billion a year home loan market. But much of this move into most of these areas now, the societies have to wait for the Building Societies Bill to pass into law and become effective at the beginning of next year before they are allowed to start.

The effect of this competition has unquestionably been beneficial for consumers. The days of mortgage queues seem to have gone. The choice of who to borrow from has expanded enormously and the services offered have almost certainly improved. It has become a common selling point for new arrivals in the market, for example, to offer a same day response to mortgage applications instead of the traditional two to three weeks taken by building societies.

The convenience of being able to buy other financial services under the same roof is also valuable to many customers. It will mean that building societies must examine their options carefully. The commission to be gained from selling other financial services is naturally attractive at a time when the cost of borrowing retail funds has risen and the margin on lending has fallen due to competition. But that same competition is likely to drive down the returns on all types of financial services. Experts in the market are already gloomily predicting this.

So the danger is that any society plunging straight into all the new types of financial service will find that some at least are not profitable. At that stage the decision whether or not to offer them, or to offer them as a loss leader because of the spin-off business in more profitable areas, may become difficult. There will increasingly be the pressure to offer as wide a range of services as possible, however unprofitable, simply to keep up with the competitors.

The societies will be forced to operate less as social institutions and more like hard-headed businesses. One thing is certain. Building society branches will come to look increasingly like banks, or possibly like the new style estate agencies with specially trained staff on hand to sell a wide range of services and products. It is all a far cry from the one-product institutions which the societies were only a few years ago.

Another recent development, however, has been the arrival of insurance companies as major lenders instead of merely agents for other institutions. Insurers have for long time tended to lead to homebuyers purchasing related insurance products, but only on a small scale. Recently, however, the Prudential announced that it was putting an initial £500 million into mortgage lending, taking it into the big league of mortgage lenders.

The Pru's move highlights the extra dimension behind all this sudden competition and attention to the customer in the street. It had noticed, along with the bank and building societies, that when someone is buying a house, probably the biggest financial decision of their life, there is an ideal opportunity to sell him a whole range of other

products from life insurance to house insurance, from conveyancing services to unit trusts, and even holidays or stocks and shares.

Increasingly institutions are tending to package their retail financial services together. The Pru is planning to use a chain of estate agencies as the most appropriate outlet through which to sell these services, as has Lloyds Bank with its Black Horse Agencies. Other banks and building societies intend to use their ordinary branch networks. But while banks can already move into most of these areas now, the societies have to wait for the Building Societies Bill to pass into law and become effective at the beginning of next year before they are allowed to start.

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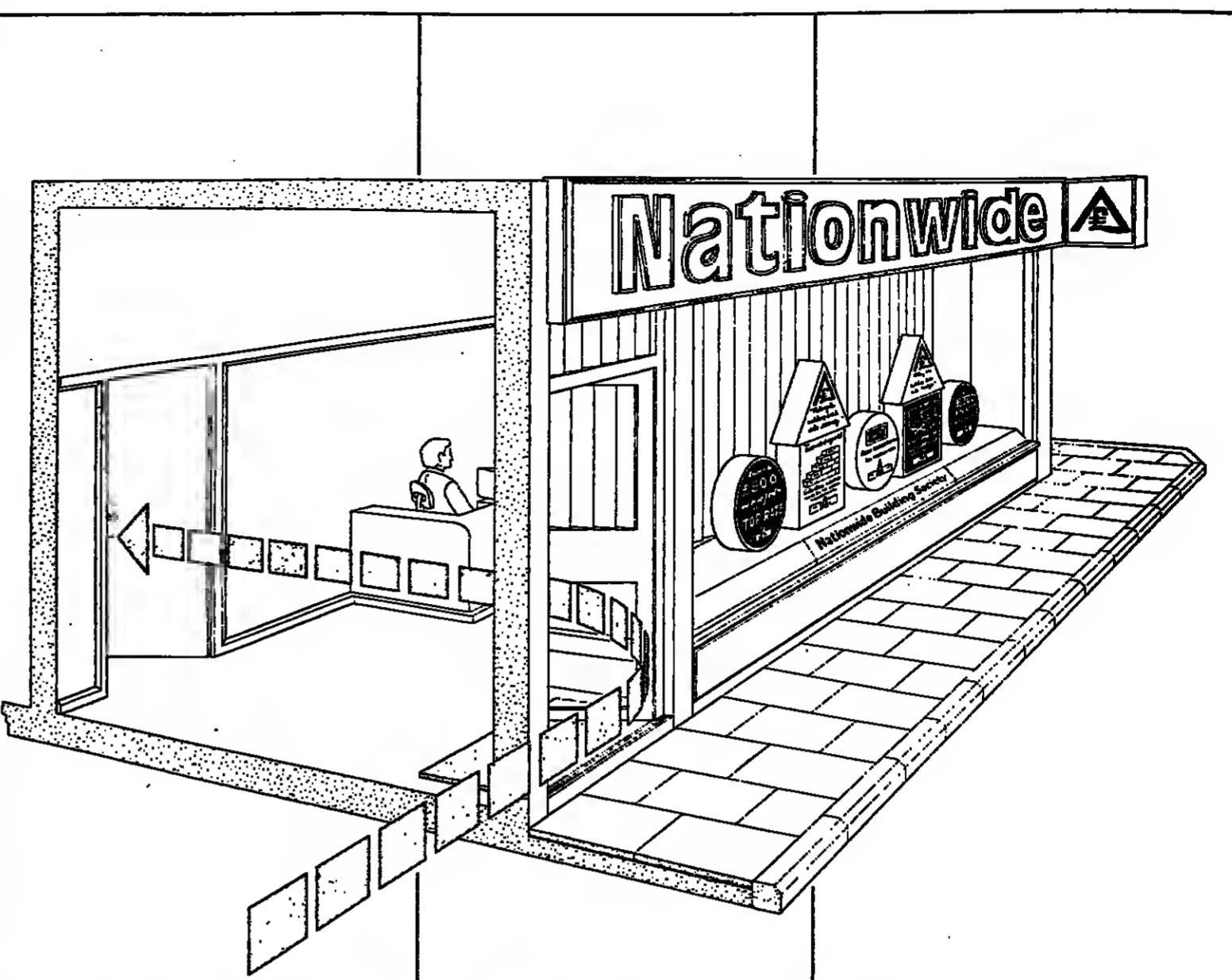
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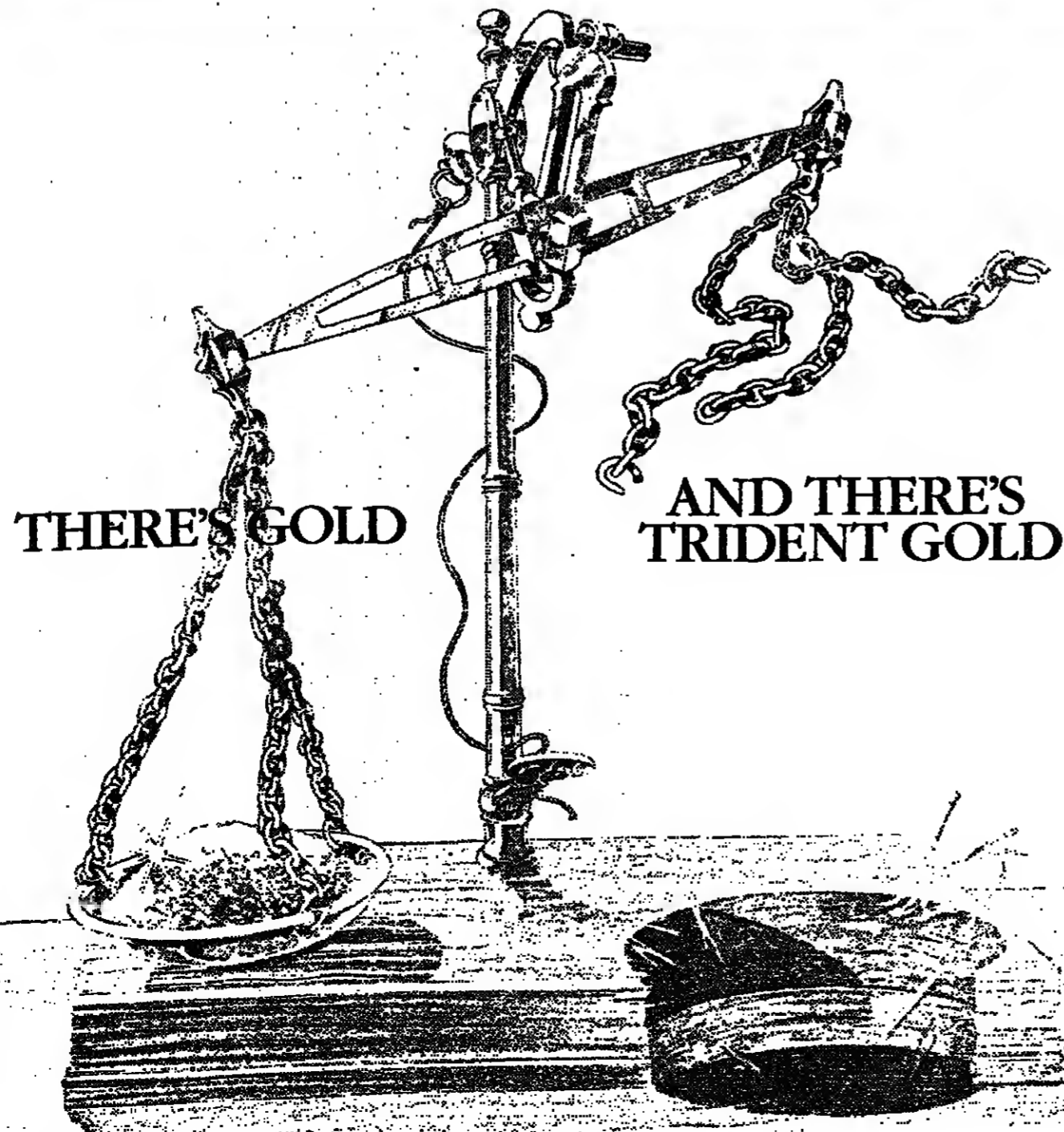
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Football: United lose their grip as Liverpool, Everton and West Ham strengthen their challenge for the championship

No sympathy this time as United fall at home again

By Peter Ball
Manchester United... 0
Sheffield Wednesday... 2
Manchester United's championship challenge is surely at an end. Two goals in six minutes just after the interval yesterday brought their second consecutive home defeat in five days to leave them trailing five points behind the leading pair, who both have games in hand.



Arsenal's Keown fails to prevent Everton's Stevens abooting (Photograph: Chris Harris)

A blue day for Arsenal on the field and on the street

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Arsenal... 0
Everton... 1
Policemen stood like blue concrete blocks in a solid wall several feet thick. In front of them eight of their colleagues sat astride their horses. Ahead of the double line of protection, the garden fences of the houses nearby acted as another firm barricade. Arsenal's board of directors were safe.

Mackay and his team have resigned look about them

By Clive White
Liverpool... 5
Coventry City... 0
A week after declaring that he had no intention of resigning, Don Mackay was forced on Saturday evening after the most comprehensive of team defeats to admit to his own personal one as manager of Coventry City. His resignation was accepted by the board and George Curtis, an executive director and once stalwart Coventry defender, will take charge until the end of the season. John Sillett will handle club affairs.



Mackay: changed his mind

West Ham reveal unsuspected flaws

By Nicholas Harling
West Ham United... 3
Oxford United... 1
The championship beckons and West Ham United, under the management of John Lyall, will take each match as it comes, beginning with Chelsea's visit to Upton Park tomorrow. Lyall clearly, though, cannot take every question as it comes as he has at Everton equalled one record, that of reaching three successive FA Cup finals, and is within sight of equalling another, winning the double. The last side to achieve both feats was, ironically, Arsenal. Their coach? Of all people, Howe.

Fun is the first priority

By Simon O'Hagan
Wimbledon... 3
Sunderland... 0
It is hard to decide which idea is the more incongruous - Wimbledon in the first division or Sunderland in the third. Yet both projects seem increasingly likely to succeed. Sunderland, which has been in the League club only nine years ago, they have risen through the ranks of the Football League to a point where, with their ramshackle stadium hardly changed and average league attendances of 10,000, they are challenging for equal status with the likes of Manchester United.

Hearts march on

By beating Dundee United, their nearest challengers, Hearts of Midlothian continue to drive themselves relentlessly towards their first Scottish league championship in 26 years. Their 3-0 victory over United at Tannadice, where the home team had been undefeated since October 1984, took them five points clear at the top of the premier division and they need only four points from their last three matches to make certain of the title.

QPR are safe for Wembley

By David Powell
Unlike Norwich City and Sunderland last year, Queens Park Rangers can enjoy their appearance in the Milk Cup final on Sunday with their first division place guaranteed for another season. Their 1-0 victory at home to West Bromwich Albion on Saturday put them beyond the reach of the Cup. Robson was the only club in the bottom three with any reasonable chance of staying up.

Brentwood win

Old Brentwood... 1
Old Chislemead... 0
A single goal scored midway through the first half on the way to a 1-0 victory over Old Chislemead gave Old Brentwood the Arthur Dunn Cup for the fifth time on Saturday. (George Chesterton writes). Playing against the Highgate School Old Boys, who had not reached the final for 27 years, Brentwood achieved their first triumph since 1973 when Dixon scored after a cross from Fenwick. The Brentwood captain, had only been partially cleared.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES. A large table containing league tables for various divisions (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Scottish Premier, Scottish First, Scottish Second) and lists of results for various matches. Includes columns for teams, goals scored, and league positions.

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RUGBY UNION: KENT WIN ADMIRERS BUT FAIL TO CONTAIN WARWICKSHIRE IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Old style suits Robbins as he leads way to triumph

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Warwickshire 16 Kent 6

This season there has been considerable discussion of the way forward for English rugby... Warwickshire won the county championship final, sponsored by Thom EMI, by two goals and a try to a penalty goal and a dropped goal.

established dominance at the set scrum early, Kent could seldom use a scrum ball effectively... Warwickshire's scrum half, Steve Field, was the man who made the difference.



Pas de deux: The Kent stand-off half Colyer leaps on the Twickenham stage in a vain attempt to foil Buttimore's clearance to touch (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Richards brings a splash of colour to a dull encounter

By Gerald Davies

Swansea 25 Cardiff 10

It was the performance of individual players rather than the colourless pattern of the game which caught the eye in a match which Swansea won by three goals, a try and a penalty to try and two penalties.

The Welsh Cup final in a fortnight's time... Swansea's scrum half, Gareth Davies, was the man who made the difference.

weariness, belonged to Richards and Swansea. They produced the best moments largely due to the dominance of Richard Moriarty, who submerged Norman in the middle of the line-out.

Rees delights in a happy occasion

By Gordon Allan

London Welsh 30 President's XV 36

London Welsh began their centenary season by losing narrowly to the Barbarians in a game of high scoring at Twickenham... Rees scored a try and a penalty goal.

For the President's XV Winterbottom was all over the place... Rees' performance was a delight for his supporters.

Refreshing display Sella opens way for the French

By Bryan Stiles

Roselynn Park 15 Harlequins 12

The efficacy of Roselynn Park's progressive youth policy was simply demonstrated when they completed a satisfying double over their London rivals on Saturday... Sella's performance was a highlight.

produced tries, he contributed nobly in the set scrums, where Harlequins were often pushed back... Sella's leadership was evident.

France 25 Romania 13

It was again Sella who did it... The French players showed great skill and teamwork.

Individual flair shines in a glittering game

By Michael Stevenson

England 18-Group 16 Wales 18-Group 7

This match, rich in talent and endeavour, restored one's faith in a game tarnished by its disorganised nature... England's performance was impressive.

Shufflebotham's precise dropped goal made it 7-7 at half-time... The game was a tactical battle.

McBride brings down curtain

By Michael Stevenson

Wille John McBride has decided not to allow his name to go forward as an Irish selector next season... McBride's career has been illustrious.

Lions in Cardiff on Wednesday... McBride's decision was a surprise.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Table with 4 columns: Competition, Winner, Score, and Location. Lists results for various rugby matches including the THORN-EMU COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP and CLUB MATCHES.

Squad are lined up for tour of S Africa

From Paul Martin Johannesburg

An international rugby squad is heading for South Africa to do battle with the Springboks and the country's powerful provincial unions... The tour is a significant event.

The South African Rugby chief, Dr Danie Craven, is unable or unwilling to say when the tour will be announced... The tour is expected to start soon.

Becker's passport to final record

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg fought a gruelling semi-final match on Saturday... Becker's performance was exceptional.

"We had some very good rallies and many close games," said Becker, the second seed... Becker's victory was a significant achievement.

The first set tie-break was won by Becker, but Edberg, as he dived for a backhand volley, then scrambled to his feet only to watch Edberg's forehand land just wide... The match was a tactical battle.

Frawley's chance to regain form

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Lawn Tennis Association's five-week circuit will begin tomorrow with the British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead... Frawley's return is anticipated.

Fletcher was modestly reluctant to discuss his return to the Press conference... Frawley's performance is being closely watched.

Rivals hope Jahangir will lose his memory

By Colin McQuinn

Jahangir Khan returns to the Dunning Mill squash club in East Grinstead today to begin eight days of competition... Jahangir's return is a major event.

The freezing cold and the snow which covered the pitch during the morning was acting as a great leveller... Jahangir's performance is expected to be high.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table with 4 columns: Competition, Time, Location, and Match Details. Lists fixtures for various sports including football, tennis, and rugby.

MOTOR RACING: IMPRESSIVE DEBUT FOR NEW CIRCUIT AS ARCH-RIVALS SET EARLY PACE IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



Photo-finish: After 72 laps there was less than half a car's length between Brazil's Ayrton Senna (left) and Britain's Nigel Mansell who appears to have already overtaken him

Mansell runs out of time against Senna

From John Blunsden Jerez, Spain A photo-finish between those arch-rivals, Ayrton Senna and Nigel Mansell, brought the Spanish Grand Prix, held for the first time on the Jerez circuit, to a dramatic conclusion yesterday. Senna's Renault-powered JPS Lotus won by less than half a car's length from the Canon Williams-Honda of Mansell.

also on Goodyear, and realising that Mansell could not maintain his earlier pace, his team called him in for a rapid change of rubber. His stop dropped him to third place behind Senna and Alain Prost, in the lead McLaren, and he was over 20 seconds behind the leader when he rejoined the race.

complete the full distance. Thierry Boutsen, in the surviving Barclay Arrows-BMW, and Patrick Tambay, in his Beatrice Lola-Hart, both crossed the finishing line after being considerably delayed by pit stops.

EQUESTRIANISM

Faultless form by Burr-Lenehan in a clear US win

Ledie Burr-Lenehan, who only qualified for the final after several American riders dropped out, yesterday brought the United States their sixth Volvo World Cup victory and the most convincing win in the eight-year old history of the competition.

TABLE TENNIS

Teenagers are the surprise winners

From A Special Correspondent, Prague Two brilliantly attacking teenagers, Jorgen Persson, aged 19, of Sweden, and Csilla Batnagyi, aged 17, of Hungary, were the surprise winners of the European championships here yesterday.

GYMNASICS

Perfection personified in a somewhat imperfect sport

Men's gymnastics always leave me awed. And after watching the Kraft Champions All competition at Wembley on Saturday, I was left wondering once again if this was, in fact, the supreme sport. Is there any other sport so demanding of skill, strength and courage?



Simon Barnes

when it was all over and I could applaud a worthy winner. That meant Morris. Oh no, my usuals were wrong, it was Borislav Hutov, from Bulgaria. His marks on the high bar were just good enough. Yes, but come off it: the performance wasn't really worth 9.2, now was it?

JUDO

Morris is beaten to a gold

Andrew Morris, from Wales, failed by a mere .05 of a point to become the first Briton to win the Kraft Champions All tournament at Wembley on Saturday.

Adams lacks the finishing touch

Fallibility in top sportsmen can be a shocking reality as Neil Adams's faithful followers experienced at the British Open Judo Championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday, when he was stopped en route to a record ninth title by the useful, but not outstanding, Frenchman, Jean Michel Berthet.

SNOOKER

Irish title is kept by White

Jimmy White retained his title and collected the prize of £2,500 with a 9-5 win over Willie Thorne in the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters championship at Goffs last night.

YACHTING

UBS holding slender advantage

UBS Switzerland, the Farr designed maxi skippered by Pierre Fehmann, held a slender four mile lead over Atlantic Privater yesterday as these two leaders completed the first 1,000 miles of the final leg of the Whitbread Round the World race from Uruguay back to Portsmouth (Barry Pickhall writes).

RACKETS/REAL TENNIS

Title hold is broken

John Prens, the former world champion, and James Male, the amateur champion, won their first Celebration Open doubles championship by defeating William Boone, the world champion, and Randall Crawley 15-9, 15-13, 15-9, 15-13, 15-10 at Queen's Club, yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

- VOLLEYBALL: ATHENS: Men's world championship. Czech Republic 3-1, USA 3-0, Soviet Union 3-0, Canada 3-1, Korea 1-3, Sweden 2-3, Turkey 2-3, Italy 2-3, West Germany 3-0.
- BASEBALL: UNITED STATES: American League. Kansas City Royals 1, Toronto Blue Jays 2, New York Yankees 1, Boston Red Sox 2, Cleveland Indians 4, Detroit Tigers 3, Seattle Mariners 2, Oakland Athletics 3, Chicago White Sox 3, Boston Red Sox 1, Texas Rangers 2, Baltimore Orioles 1, California Angels 1, Philadelphia Phillies 2, New York Mets 2, Atlanta Braves 3, San Diego Padres 2, St. Louis Cardinals 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 6.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: Divisional League (NHL). Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Montreal Canadiens 1, New York Islanders 1, Boston Bruins 3, New York Rangers 4, Philadelphia Flyers 3, Washington Capitals 1, Pittsburgh Penguins 1, St. Louis Blues 1, Chicago Blackhawks 1, Los Angeles Kings 1, Vancouver Canucks 1, Edmonton Oilers 1, Calgary Flames 1, Winnipeg Jets 1, Hartford Whalers 1, New Jersey Devils 1, Washington Capitals 1, Philadelphia Flyers 1, St. Louis Blues 1, Chicago Blackhawks 1, Los Angeles Kings 1, Vancouver Canucks 1, Edmonton Oilers 1, Calgary Flames 1, Winnipeg Jets 1, Hartford Whalers 1, New Jersey Devils 1.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Advertisement for 'The Entertainments' section, listing various theatre and entertainment events. Includes titles like 'Theatre of the Century', 'When We Were Married', 'The Wow Show', 'Cafe Puccini', 'Victoria Palace of 1914', 'Paul Nicholas Charisse', 'The Mousetrap', 'Judy', 'The Entertainments', 'Noises Off', 'Motor Racing', 'Road Running', 'Snooker', 'Speedway', 'Squash', 'Bowling', 'Gymnastics', 'Hockey', 'Rugby', 'Football', 'Baseball', 'Basketball', 'Volleyball', 'Table Tennis', 'Table Tennis', 'Table Tennis'.

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Today's television and radio programmes

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- 6.00 Breakfast Time
6.30 Breakfast News
6.50 Play School
7.00 News at 7
7.25 News at 7.25
7.55 News at 8
8.15 News at 8.15
8.30 News at 8.30
8.50 News at 8.50
9.00 News at 9

TV-AM

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen
7.00 News at 7
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. Weather

ITV/LONDON

- 8.25 Thames News Headlines followed by Struggle Beneath the Sea. Some creatures like the hermit crab and the sea anemone live together in symbiosis.
8.55 The Praisers. A play in the life of Ernest Hemingway, writing The Old Man and the Sea in Cuba...

BBC 2

- 6.55 Open University Maths
7.00 Celtic Connections
7.20 The Wanderer Lives at Number 21
7.30 L'Assasin habite au 21, Clouzot's debut film...
7.45 The World of Sport
8.15 The Mole
8.30 The Late Late Show
8.55 News at 8.55
9.00 News at 9

CHANNEL 4

- 2.35 Wexford Church - The Villant Years (1961)
3.00 The Late Late Show
3.30 The Mole
4.00 A Place in the Sun
4.30 The Week on 4 with Edward Cole
5.00 News at 5
5.30 News at 5.30
6.00 News at 6

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4.50 Shipping Forecast
5.00 News
5.30 Questions of Taste
6.30 The Book of the Week

Peter Davalle

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RADIO 1

On medium wave. VHF variations at end of Radio 1...
5.00 Mandy For Pleasure

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6.00 Newsworld 6.30 Peaceful Solutions

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